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# First round of PWS is OK'd

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The U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration's Office of Foreign Labor Certification has approved the first round of submissions for the CNMI Prevailing Wage Survey.

The first round is for jobs related to the tourism industry. That essentially signals to CNMI employers that they could now start applying for CW-1 permits for their foreign workers.

Gloria Cavanagh, president of the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, said they are very happy and satisfied with this development, considering that the PWS was expected to be finished at the end of this month.

"We have expedited the PWS, especially in the 84 categories in the tourism industry. The [PWS] typically is something like this takes months," she said.

Completing the PWS in a short amount of time was a

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# Saipan World Resort for sale—source

Saipan World Resort. Photo by Hanwha Hotels & Resorts. HANWHA HOTELS & RESORTS

By CHO SI-YOUNG and LEE HA-YEON
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Hanwha Hotels & Resorts Co., hotel and resort operating unit of South Korean conglomerate Hanwha Group, which lately has been active in divesting money-losing businesses, has put its landmark resort complex on Saipan up for sale.

According to industry sources on Thursday, Hanwha Hotels & Resorts recently named KPMG Samjong Accounting Corp. as the lead financial adviser for the sale

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## Saipan airport now 70 pct. recovered

- **Yutu devastation cost CPA $2.6M so far;**
- **CPA gets $5M in property insurance, $10M more forthcoming**

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The Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport is now 70 percent recovered from Super Typhoon Yutu's devastation, but the restoration efforts resulted in the Commonwealth Ports Authority spending $2.6 million so far to address some of the damage to its infrastructure.

CPA executive director Christopher S. Tenorio dis-

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Commonwealth Ports Authority executive director Christopher S. Tenorio gestures as he discusses during the CPA board meeting Friday their recovery efforts at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport after Super Typhoon Yutu's devastation. FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Now's the time to thank our nurses. Sooner or later, we'll all depend on one. DREAMSTIME/TNS

## Now's the time to thank our nurses—sooner or later, we'll depend on one

By MARY SCHMICH
Chicago Tribune

Hey, let's not forget the nurses.

With all the attention being given to Teacher Appreciation Week, you may have missed the fact that this first week in May is also National Nurses Week.

Unlike teachers, nurses haven't been trending on Twitter, though U.S. Rep. Lauren Underwood, a nurse, did send them a shout-out tweet.

I might not have known the double-duty nature of this week either if not for the nurses who replied to my recent column about teachers.

"Please take some time to recognize nurses," one wrote. "We work 24-7, holidays, weekends and summers!"

"An almost forgotten, sometimes almost invisible group of highly skilled, dedicated people," wrote another.

So, in the spirit of equal appreciation, here are a few words about these women and men who spend their lives dealing with our hearts, blood, breath and bones.

If you're thinking, "But I don't know any nurses," don't worry. If not yet, you will.

You'll meet them when you get sick or when someone you love does, and when you meet a good one, you'll learn how much a good nurse can ease the pain.

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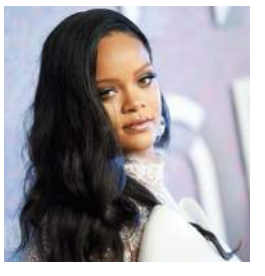

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# Local

## OF $21.9M CPA GOT FOR LAND LEASE

# CPA to build fuel storage tank at Tinian airport

» ‘Dynasty’s reopening will address housing problem due to construction of that magnitude’

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Building a fuel storage facility at the Tinian International Airport will hopefully make good on the “international” name of the airport, allowing it to receive international flights.

The fuel storage facility is among the projects that will be funded out of the $21.9 million that the Commonwealth Ports Authority got from the U.S. Department of Defense in exchange for a 40-year lease of certain airport and seaport facilities for the U.S. Air Force’s divert airfield on Tinian.

CPA board chair Kimberlyn King-Hinds, in an interview last Friday, said the terms of the lease agreement with DoD require that the entire $21.9 million will be spent on Tinian.

King-Hinds said the board has prioritized improving the Tinian airport’s infrastructure. That includes building a fuel storage facility and upgrading the entire airport to comply with federal standards and needs of the Transportation Security Administration and Customs & Border Protection.

The overall improvements would allow Tinian to accommodate international flights, King-Hinds said.

King-Hinds

“Even a fuel storage facility costs a lot of money. People are thinking that $21.9 million is a huge chunk of money but, if you’re thinking of the cost of the construction, it’s expensive,” she said.

The DoD’s total budget for the construction of the divert airfield project itself is $400 million. DoD is building a cargo pad, a maintenance facility, and three fuel storage facilities.

King-Hinds said the $21.9 million is specifically for CPA’s own funding, while the $400 million is the amount DoD going to spend on the area that they leased from CPA.

King-Hinds said one of the biggest challenges with a construction of that magnitude is the need for housing.

“And right now… there is no place to stay,” she pointed out.

King-Hinds said the best route to pursue right now is reopening the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, renovating and upgrading it. She said they are trying to get every help they can in terms of figuring out how to do that.

The 40-year lease deal will allow the Air Force to use Tinian as an alternative landing site for its planes in case the Andersen Air Force Base in Guam is inaccessible due to war or calamities.

The divert airfield project is expected to spur economic activities on the island as it will directly benefit the people of the island through infrastructure improvement of the airport and seaport, public roads, and community facilities.

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## OPD: Suspect’s ‘confession’ was coerced

» Defense says defendant was intoxicated, soaked in his own urine during interrogation

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The Office of the Public Defender is asking the Superior Court to suppress the statements a murder suspect gave to police as they were allegedly involuntarily made, in violation of his Fifth Amendment and due process rights.

Assistant public defender Jean Pierre Nogues, counsel for Alfonso Sebastian Parongan, asserted that the questioning of Parongan while he was in custody was done in violation of the Miranda rule.

Miranda refers to the U.S. Supreme Court’s landmark ruling that concludes that statements made by a suspect in police custody are generally inadmissible if the suspect has not been made aware of his or her Fifth and Sixth Amendment rights.

Nogues said Parongan’s statements were made involuntarily and were illegally elicited because he did not “knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waive his constitutional rights.”

The defense lawyer asked the court to suppress all testimony related to the identification of Parongan by three witnesses on the grounds that the identification procedures were overly suggestive.

He said Parongan was allegedly informed of his Miranda rights at around 9:17pm on Oct. 29, 2017, before being transported to the hospital.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged Parongan with first-degree murder, attempted second-degree murder, and assault with a dangerous weapon over the killing of his landlord and injuring the landlord’s husband in Chalan Kanoa in October 2017.

The woman sustained multiple stab wounds, while her husband sustained 12 injuries in different parts of the body.

Nogues said it is highly unlikely that this was understood by Parongan, or that he was able to meaningfully ask questions about his rights, both because the legal information was provided in English—a language he barely understands—and because he was, apparently, “intoxicated and soaked in his own urine—saying very few words with slurred speech.”

Nogues pointed out that, although two police detectives claim not to have obtained any information out of Parongan, this attempted interrogation must be remembered in the context of the three hours of police interrogation that resumed the next morning after Parongan had been transferred from the hospital to jail.

He said during the subsequent interrogation, Parongan was again allegedly read his constitutional rights but,

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# BOE slams PSS for 'sloppy, unacceptable work'

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The Public School System's plan to implement cost-cutting measures to avert a deficit at the end of fiscal year 2019 came under fire at the continuation of the Board of Education board meeting over the weekend.

BOE chair Janice Tenorio gave acting education commissioner Lynnette Villagomez and PSS finance director Chris Ching an earful after the two reportedly proposed cost-cutting measures that did not match the original fiscal year 2019 budget proposal submitted to the Legislature last year.

Tenorio slammed PSS' proposal to cut PSS costs because the salaries of those affected did not line up with the salaries submitted to the Legislature, describing it as "sloppy unacceptable" work.

"I dove into the numbers and I see the inconsistencies," Tenorio said in an interview after the board meeting on Saturday. "The [PSS] administration needs to be really transparent with the board. I hear that [there are confidentiality issues since salaries are concerned], but it's not because this has gone through the Legislature and the entire population of the CNMI can see how much employees are earning."

Tenorio noted that she wants PSS to do a "better job."

"The proposal that they submitted… didn't make sense, so that is why we didn't give them time to present because I already saw the discrepancies in the reports," she noted. According to Tenorio, she noted that there were differences of up to $10,000 in salaries for the same positions in the two budget reports.

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune*, Villagomez conceded that they were "slaughtered" Saturday. However, she noted in defense of the report that reclassifications of employees based on improved qualifications could not exactly be predicted. These reclassifications also meant adjustments in salaries.

When asked if she is personally satisfied with the proposal she submitted to the BOE, Villagomez noted that the proposal contained the decisions of key PSS managers.

"…The decision was made to help decrease the anticipated shortfall, that's why we proposed it. …But it is up to the board to approve it or not," she said. "My message to the board [Saturday] was that we really need help to communicate with the Governor's Office to see how much we can get the amounts that they owe us, based on the budget for fiscal year 2019."

Tenorio noted in an earlier interview that, while she hears Villagomez's concern regarding the funds owed PSS, the government would not be implementing cost-cutting measures if it had money in the first place.

The BOE recessed last Tuesday morning to discuss further how they would implement cost-cutting measures to prevent a deficit at the end of fiscal year 2019. It was generally agreed that salaries would be reduced.

Villagomez, along with Ching, had proposed a 10-percent salary reduction for year-round employees, including custodians, administrators, leadership, and even bus drivers, among others.

This did not sit well with BOE members Andrew Orsini and Herman Atalig, causing them to oppose BOE member Marylou Ada's motion while Tenorio supported it, causing a stalemate Tuesday. The BOE then decided to recess until last Thursday; however, Ada could not make it to the meeting, pushing the resumption of the board meeting to last Saturday afternoon.

The board adjourned at 2pm and unanimously voted to resume cost-cutting talks during their fiscal, personnel, and administration committee meeting on May 21, 2019.

# Resolution congratulates Japan's new emperor

Sen. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota) has introduced a Senate joint resolution that congratulates the ascension of Emperor Naruhito of Japan to the Chrysanthemum Throne.

Naruhito's reign officially began on May 1.

Naruhito became Japan's 126th monarch, after his father, the 85-year-old former Emperor Akihito, abdicated last April 30 due to old age and declining health.

Akihito, now referred to as emperor emeritus, reigned for 30 years and became the first reigning monarch to abdicate the throne in over 200 years.

The ascension of Naruhito, Akihito and Empress Emerita Michiko's eldest son, to the throne began the Reiwa era from his father's Heisei.

Naruhito is married to now Empress Masako; they have a daughter, 17-year-old Princess Toshi.

Akihito and his wife, Michiko, visited Saipan in June 2005 to pay tribute to those who perished in the CNMI during World War II.

The visit coincided with the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II. ***(Jon Perez)***

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# ABTC joins police academy

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The CNMI Department of Commerce's Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Control division has entered its first batch of cadets into the police academy.

According to Public Safety Commissioner Robert Guerrero, the police academy has gained the participation of numerous government divisions like Fish and Wildlife but, for the first time, ABTC has entered its first batch of cadets.

Commerce Secretary Mark Rabauliman hopes this will be the first of many.

"This is the first time from the Department of Commerce. …We are now part of the law enforcement family. And as such, whatever standards were set…we adopted and here we are, a couple of years later, my first batch of cadets. Thanks to Northern Marianas College, the administration, and the DPS commissioner, they really helped us out. It worked out and I hope this is the first of many," he said.

Rabauliman said it is important to extend the CNMI's enforcement arm because of the development of numerous industries, aside from tourism.

"We try to grow the enforcement arm of not only the Department of Commerce but also other departments as we develop new industries. Outside of tourism, we now have the gaming industry and on the horizon is the cannabis law that just passed, so it would require and need a lot of help in enforcement in order to really effectuate the purpose [of] driving the economy," he said.

Rabauliman said that the ABTC cadets started the academy on April 29 and, after graduation, the ABTC officers will be enforcing alcohol beverage, tobacco, and betel nut laws. The officers will also enforce cannabis laws once they have been established.

"It also allows them to carry firearms. We also need to understand constitutional rights but our main focus is alcohol and tobacco and, of course, betel nut. But we're still open and waiting as the cannabis commission puts the rules together. The whole idea is to be in uniformity with the conduct and how we deal with people, like how the other law enforcement are," he said.

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"great feat," she said.

Those involved in the PWS project initially said that the data they have collected would be completed by the end of May. "Here we are, a week-and-a-half in May, and it is already out. So, we're very happy. We're satisfied," she added.

Next up is for CNMI employers to apply for Temporary Labor Certifications for their foreign workers, and then on to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to apply for CW-1 visas for their workers.

CNMI employers are required to get a TLC at the U.S. Labor Department; that TLC will be included when they submit their CW-1 petitions. The TLC is one of the requirements to employ a foreign worker in the CNMI.

Cavanagh said another batch of data is expected to be completed this week. "This is only the start. From my understanding, it is just the 84 [tourism] occupations first. The second round of the PWS will close on Friday and they will go back to U.S. Labor."

She said the U.S. Labor Department had been helping the Commonwealth complete the PWS.

In the CNMI, the PWS was done in cooperation with the CNMI Commerce Department's Central Statistics Division, the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, and the Northern Marianas Business Alliance Corp.

Hive Analytics and DataTalks were tapped to collect the data needed to establish the Commonwealth's prevailing wage.

Cavanagh said that they, local business leaders and other government officials, met with their federal counterparts in Washington, D.C. including those from the Labor Department's Office of Foreign Labor Certification.

"They [FLC personnel] gave us pointers on how we can actually accomplish this [PWS]. They actually gave us ideas on how to do the PWS that doesn't have to wait for 100 percent. That we can actually [do] it in segments," Cavanagh told *Saipan Tribune*.

"The [local] Commerce Department and Hive Analytics have done an absolutely amazing job.

### OFLC approves

The U.S. Labor's OFLC, which received the CNMI's prevailing wage data last week, approved the first batch of information submitted for the PWS last Friday. An occupational wage survey must be conducted as required in the Northern Mariana Islands U.S. Workforce Act of 2018.

The CNMI must use its own PWS when Commonwealth employers hire foreign workers. Without the CNMI-specific PWS, Guam's data would be used. That would result in higher wages being implemented in the CNMI.

The approved occupational wage survey would now be used in the process of granting either the renewal or new hire of guest worker petitions under the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker (CW-1) visa program.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres thanked U.S. Labor Secretary Alex Acosta and OFLC acting deputy administrator Brian Pasternak for the expedited approval of the CNMI's PWS, as well as the hard work of CNMI businesses in completing this first survey.

"This is a good thing for our economy and is a necessary part of ensuring we achieve economic growth and organic wage increases for our workers," Torres said in a statement.

Chamber president Velma Palacios said the data presented works both ways, where some of the CNMI's wages are higher than those of Guam, while some are lower. "We appreciated the opportunity like every municipality across the U.S., to submit our prevailing wage results to the OFLC."

"We appreciated the extensive process the U.S. Labor Department undertook to ensure the survey methodology proposed by our contractors—Hive Analytics and Data Talks—along with local Commerce was approved before the data collection started, which we believe helped expedite OFLC's approval for our first round of data submission."

Data collection for the final round of the PWS is still ongoing; employers have until May 17, Friday, to submit their wage information.

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of the Saipan World Resort on Saipan, whose value is estimated at 150 billion won ($110.3 million). The company acquired the resort from World Construct at 30 billion won ($25.4 million) in 2009.

Hanwha Hotels & Resorts operates resorts, hotels, and theme parks and offers catering services, and its resort business is the only division that has generated stable profit. Its resort business delivered an operating profit of 39.2 billion won last year.

The company is seeking to sell its lucrative business due to deteriorating financial health. The company saw its cash reserves shrivel 42.3 percent on year at 49.7 billion won as of the end of last year. It raised 45 billion won by issuing bonds for three times on a private placement basis in 2018 to repay debts.

Saipan World Resort, which is currently largely vacant for renovation work, has various facilities in its 10-story building with 260 rooms and has restaurants, bars, and a gift shop with pools outside the building. It had steadily raised revenue in the 40 billion won annually before Super Typhoon Yutu battered Saipan in October last year.

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again, in English, a language he does not fluently understand or read.

The lawyer said it then took three hours of questioning before Parongan produced a "statement."

"Under these circumstances, involving deprivation of sleep, physical and mental incapacitation and disorientation, language barriers, and extended hours of questioning, Parongan's waiver and subsequent statement were products of "intimidation, coercion, or deception" rather than "free [and] deliberate," Nogues said.

Parongan allegedly did not understand his right to remain silent or to speak only with counsel present, nor did he appreciate the consequences associated with waiving those rights.

The defense counsel said the identification procedure used in this case was unquestionably suggestive.

Nogues said the parading of a handcuffed Parongan in front of a large crowd, including all three of the witnesses in question, constitutes a one-person lineup or "showup," thereby emphasizing the focus on Parongan and increasing the likelihood of misidentification.

Police said that during their interview, Parongan confessed to smoking methamphetamine and drinking 12 cans of beer on the day of the incident.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### PTSA meeting for Kagman schools

This is to inform all parents, guardians, and the community that Kagman schools will be having a Parents Teachers Students Association meeting tomorrow, May 14, at 5:30pm in the Kagman High School cafeteria. We are encouraging all parents and guardians to attend this meeting. Child care will be provided, awards will be given to the calendar entry winners and more. Call the school at 237-3921, 6644100, or 664-3911 if you have any questions or concerns. ***(PR)***

### Military training at Farallon de Medinilla, in open ocean

**ASAN, Guam**—The U.S Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla on May 13, from 7:30am to 8pm.

The U.S. Navy will conduct an open-ocean exercise on May 13 from 1pm to 4pm at coordinates 13° 26"N/145° 08"E and 13° 42"N/144° 36"E.

It is recommended the public, fishermen, and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories. It is also recommended the public, commercial pilots, fishermen, and marine tour operators stay clear from the area during the dates and times indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be in a 3-nautical mile radius of the island.

These types of trainings are designed to enhance the readiness of military personnel. ***(JRM)***

### Guam CHamoru commission meetings set

The Kumisión i Fino' CHamoru yan i Fina'nå'guen i Historia yan i Lina'la' i Taotao Tåno' (Commission on CHamoru Language and the Teaching of the History and Culture of the Indigenous People of Guam) will hold a meeting on May 23, Thursdays, from 12:30pm to 3pm., at the Garden House, Plasa de Espana, in Hagåtña. A work session will also be held on May 16, from 12:30pm to 3pm at the same venue. For more information contact kumisión chair/gé'helo' Hope Alvarez Cristobal at 483-0097 or secretary/sikritåria Rosa Salas Palomo at 727-5522. ***(PR)***

## SAIPAN

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cussed all typhoon-related issues at the Saipan airport during last Friday's board meeting.

Tenorio also disclosed that the insurance company has given CPA $5 million in property insurance to start addressing its damaged properties and that an additional $10 million is forthcoming.

In a separate interview, Tenorio stated that the airport is now 70 percent recovered from Yutu, although they still have issues such as the passenger loading bridges.

Tenorio said the loading bridges is one of the most critical issue.

"It's a long process," he said, noting that all six loading bridges were damaged.

Before Yutu hit Saipan and Tinian last Oct. 24 and 25, CPA had already started the process of replacing the three loading bridges, with funding from the Federal Aviation Administration.

All six loading bridges were then damaged after the typhoon.

With the purchase of three loading bridges already funded by Federal Aviation Administration, CPA will have to foot the bill for the other three, Tenorio said.

Of the six new bridges, Tenorio said, three will be arriving this October and the anticipated completion of the remaining three is June 2020.

The remaining three are now in the design phase and will be procured using insurance proceeds, Tenorio said.

He said that CPA has already spent $2.6 million on Yutu recovery.

Tenorio said the air-conditioning units, windows, glasses, and minor damages at the airport had already been addressed and that the funding for those were part of CPA's $2.6 million expenses.

On the insurance matter, he said CPA is still waiting for the final damage estimate.

"We have the $5 million now. This is for property insurance. The insurance company gave us the $5 million to start rebuilding," he said, adding that an additional $10 million from the insurance company is forthcoming.

Tenorio said they are just waiting for their insurance to provide them with its assessments because they already have their own assessments from a private engineering firm.

"We are just waiting for the insurance's estimate so that we can compare both," he said.

As for any reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Office, Tenorio said they don't know yet if they will get that.

He said CPA is still working with FEMA by providing it with all the documents for reimbursement of payouts to vendors and staff and CPA is just waiting for FEMA's response.

"We are still doing assessments and everything," Tenorio added.

# 'A well-compensated commission is necessary'

A bill that sets the salaries of future officials of the CNMI Cannabis Commission has hurdled the House of Representatives on a vote of 17-1, with the lone opposition coming from Rep. Tina Sablan (Ind-Saipan).

She pointed out that, as outlined in House Bill 21-13, CNMI Cannabis Commission members will be getting an annual salary of $60,000 each, the chairperson $65,000, and the managing director $75,000.

Sablan said that Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' proposed budget for the commission is $600,000 for fiscal year 2020. "The commissioners' salaries alone are more than half of that."

She said that, in light of the CNMI's current fiscal crisis, "it seems crystal clear to me" that the Commonwealth can't afford to pay full-time salaries for the commissioners "when we will also hire a managing director and professional staff to do the work, draft the regulations, and make policy recommendations for their approval," said Sablan.

House floor leader John Paul P. Sablan (R-Saipan), who introduced the bill, believes that well-compensated commission officials will encourage them to be thorough in their duty to come up with regulations that would put safeguards and other restrictions on the emerging industry.

The bill eventually passed the House. Tina Sablan was the lone House member that voted no as she wanted to change the compensation for each commission official. Tina Sablan introduced a floor amendment that removes the salaries of the commissioners ($60,000) and the chairperson ($65,000).

"I am primarily concerned about the section of this bill that would make the commission a full time, fully compensated commission. The provision said this will be a working commission…[but]…I'm concerned about the cost of creating another obligation to the government," she said.

Tina Sablan added that she knows the commission has an important role. "But, as a policy and as a fiscal matter, it makes no sense to me to make the commissioner's full-time, paid positions. I don't see the commission as any more important or more time consuming than any other board or commission in the Commonwealth."

"I don't know how we can explain that to government employees facing austerity measures, first responders who haven't received their pay or any taxpayer of the Commonwealth for that matter. How can we justify this additional expense at a time like this?"

J.P. Sablan, as the author of the legislation, explained that well-compensated commissioners would help them concentrate in promulgating the regulations that would safeguard the new industry in the Commonwealth. "This cannabis industry is very new to us, and …we need a working and well-compensated commission to work hard in promulgating these rules."

"We're dealing with something that is fairly new and has to be thoroughly regulated. … We need a commission that would work in helping this new industry grow. We're going to regulate this thoroughly or it may flood the island's black market."

"That's why we're proposing that it be a compensated commission since we want this to work. They need to work and promulgate the rules and regulations to the best that could benefit the CNMI. We need a working commission that would promulgate the rules and regulations. We need to compensate these people."

H.B. 21-13 is intended to amend the Taulamwaar Sensible CNMI Cannabis Act that was signed into law last year. ***(Jon Perez)***

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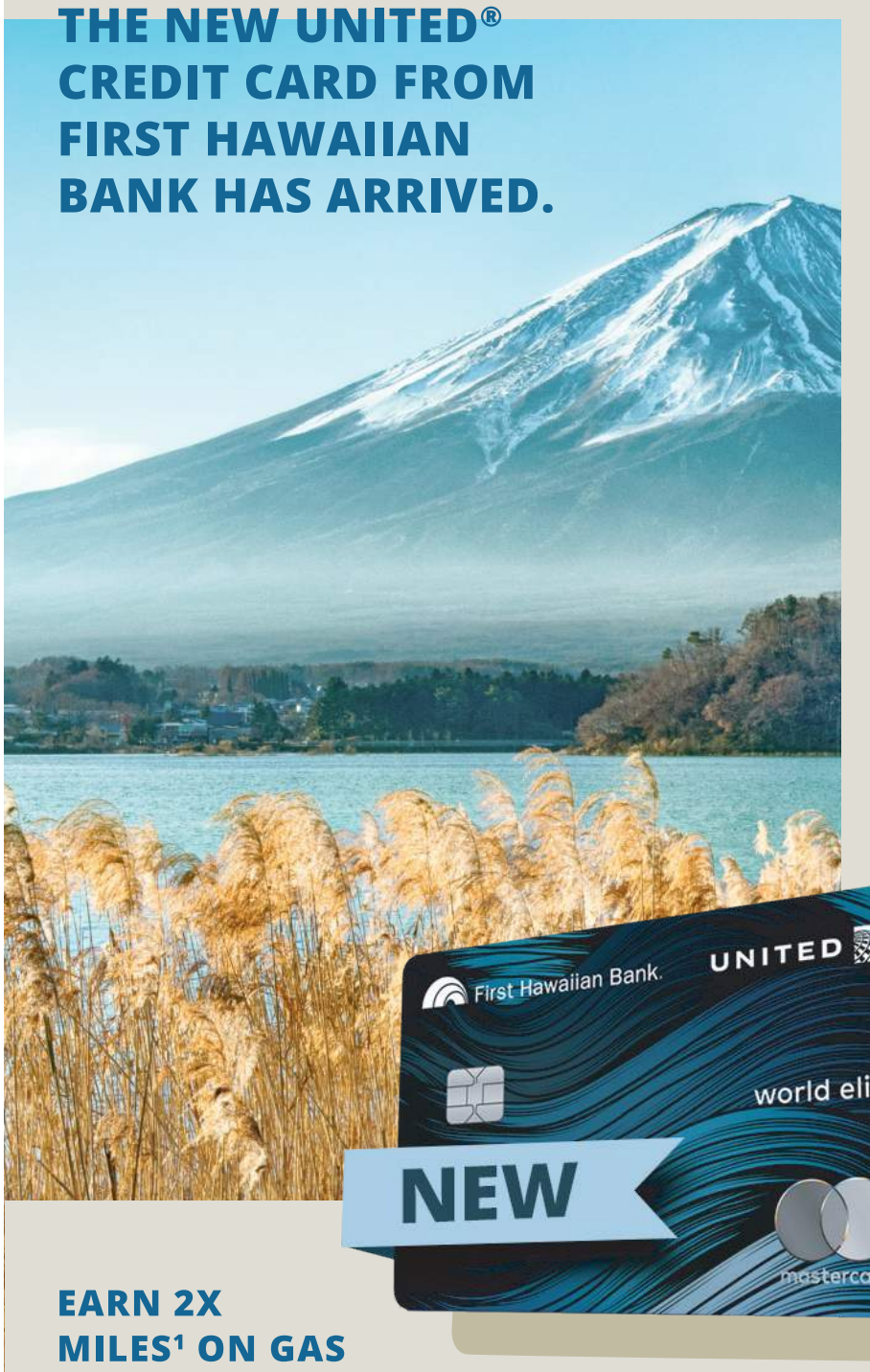


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# N. Korean cargo ship seized by US arrives in A. Samoa

**PAGO PAGO, American Samoa** (AP)—A North Korean cargo ship seized by the U.S. because of suspicion it was used to violate international sanctions arrived Saturday at the capital of this American territory, where it will undergo inspections.

The Wise Honest was slowly towed to the port of Pago Pago during a cloudy Saturday morning and docked at the main docking section of the port that afternoon.

The trip from Indonesia took about three weeks and American Samoa, in the South Pacific, was chosen because of "its central strategic location," U.S. Coast Guard public affairs officer Amanda Wyrick said.

"We also have a good strong relationship and partnership with the American Samoan government," Wyrick said. "With that being said, we also already have the resources that are able to ensure the security of the vessel but most importantly the Port of Pago Pago."

The ship was detained in April 2018 as it traveled toward Indonesia. Justice Department officials announced Thursday that the U.S. had seized the ship.

Asked as to how long the ship will be in the territory, Wyrick said the U.S. Department of Justice is "leading the investigation so they will be conducting that. Upon the conclusion of the investigation, the ship will be moved." But the next destination is unknown, she said.

"I do know that Justice Department is going to do the investigation as fast as they can," Wyrick added.

She said she didn't have the exact number of U.S. Coast Guard personnel or people from other federal agencies who have traveled to American Samoa for the investigation.

"I do know that, we have a marine and safety security team here from Honolulu," Wyrick said. "We're conducting random patrols, also conducting inspection of the vessel and the Port of Pago Pago, keep an eye on things such as security breaches or vandalization of the ship itself."

Officials are also making sure the port is protected, she said.

"We especially in the Coast Guard, we understand the importance of the port. It's a lifeline in getting goods to the islands," Wyrick said. "So we want to make sure that we're doing everything we can, to make sure that there's absolutely no disruption to the flow of commerce coming in and out."

The U.S. government dispatched to the territory an inspection team to the ship before it docked in Pago Pago, she said. Wyrick noted there was an inspection conducted before leaving Indonesia and, because the ship has been at sea for three weeks, "it's subject to the elements."

"The inspection of the ship before entering the harbor is to make sure the structure integrity of the boat is still intact. In that way, once we get the thumps up, and the green light, and the inspectors deem it safe, then it will enter the port," Wyrick said.

U.S. officials made the announcement of the ship's seizure hours after North Korea fired two suspected short-range missiles toward the sea, the second weapons launch in five days and a possible signal that stalled talks over its nuclear weapons program are in trouble.

# Kaneshi wins chicken barbecue contest at 2nd 'Taste'

By REICA RAMIREZ
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CORRESPONDENT

The 21st Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival and Beer Garden had its second staging this month with a barbecue whole chicken cooking competition on the secondary stage last Saturday.

The three contestants were judged on the tenderness of the chicken, how properly they were cooked, the presentation with a side dish, and the overall taste.

Inspired by her family's secret recipe, Nataline Kaneshi used all homemade ingredients such as an orange zest barbecue sauce and a side of fresh apple coleslaw to win first place in the BBQ Whole Chicken Contest.

Kaneshi's prize for her victory was a one-night stay at Hyatt Regency Saipan, a dinner buffet for two at Kili Cafe, and a $250 gift certificate at Chairman M. restaurant.

Nataline Kaneshi is the winner of the 2019 BBQ Whole Chicken Contest. REICA RAMIREZ

Second place went to the pair of Freddy Salavaria and Francis Mendiola, also known as "Da Kumpaires." Third place went to Joseph Imperial.

The judges were Marianas Visitors Authority marketing manager Thomas Kim, Herman's Modern Bakery assistant general manager Michael Guerrero, and 2018 Miss Marianas Celine Cabrera.

Future festival contests are the Fried Rice Eating Contest on May 18, sponsored by J's Restaurant, and the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands Junior Chefs Competition on May 25, sponsored by Triple J Five Star Wholesale.

The festival is being held every Saturday throughout the month of May from 6pm to 10pm, at the American Memorial Park.

REICA RAMIREZ
Freddy Salavaria and Francis Mendiola win second place in the BBQ Whole Chicken Contest.

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Joseph Imperial wins third place in the BBQ Whole Chicken Contest.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Regular Board Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room, Saipan. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
  a. Call to Order
  b. Roll Call
  c. Adoption of Agenda
  d. Adoption of Minutes (February 28, 2019 and continued on March 07, 2019)

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
  a. Division Update Reports

IV. OLD BUSINESS
  a. Personnel Regulations
  b. Procurement Regulations
  c. RFP for CNMI Fair Market Study

V. NEW BUSINESS
  a. Family Self- Sufficiency Program Grant
  b. CDBG-DR Staffing Capacity
  c. RFP CDBG-DR Action Plan
  d. FEMA Grant Applications

VI. LEGAL COUNSEL'S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VIII. OTHER MATTERS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

*Notes: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13 (a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)*

/s/
**Aubry M. Hocog**
Chairwoman of the Board

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

Sabrina Fran D. Calvo Petitioner, vs. Billy Ralph Greathouse Jr. Respondent, ) FCD PA CIVIL ACTION NO. 19-0143(R) ) **SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 591, Rota MP, 96951 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk to Courts for filing.

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Dated this 18th day of March, 2019.

/s/
Clerk of Court

# Kilili bill helps Marianas small business

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) introduced legislation Thursday last week to give small businesses in the Marianas access to two grant programs and a microloan program run by the federal Small Business Administration. The Marianas is the only U.S. jurisdiction not included in these programs.

"There are 1,700 small businesses in the Marianas, employing 18,000 people," said Sablan. "Especially now, with the Marianas economy struggling, we need to find more ways to help those existing businesses develop and grow and keep people working.

"And we need to encourage new businesses to spring up," he added.

Sablan's bill would make about $600,000 available to establish a Lead Small Business Development Center. The renewable funding would be used to expand the reach and capacity of the existing development center on Saipan. Small businesses on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota would get better access to free or low-cost services, such as incubator workspaces for entrepreneurs. Assistance would be available with loan applications, business planning, operations, personnel administration, marketing, export assistance, sales, and other contributors to small business growth and success.

A second grant program, the Federal and State Technology partnership grant, makes up to $125,000 available to help women and people from economically disadvantaged backgrounds or rural areas compete for $3 billion in federal seed money for business start-ups.

"People new to business sometimes need help getting their foot on the first rung of the ladder," Sablan said. "That is what the partnership grant is designed to do."

Sablan's bill also makes small businesses in the Marianas eligible for SBA's Microloan program. Businesses can access loans of up to $50,000 for working capital or to acquire materials, supplies, or equipment. The microloan program is targeted specially to help women, low-income, veteran, and minority entrepreneurs. ***(PR)***

# CUC sets water hours to cope with drought

## » Emergency water outage last Friday

Due to the island's recent drought condition, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has been forced to establish scheduled water hours for the next several weeks or until the approach of the rainy season in June.

At the same time, its Water Division operations personnel will also be evaluating pipelines within the affected areas for leaks to maximize supply. Updates of the water schedules will follow after the assessment of the pipelines within the affected areas.

The public is strongly advised to conserve water during this drought season to prevent CUC water wells from running dry and to also report leaks to the CUC Call Center at (670) 664-4282.

In related news, last Friday, May 10, the villages of China Town, Upper Navy Hill, Chalan Galaide, and As Felipe experienced an emergency water service interruption due to low water level in the Calhoun Tank that supplies water to these areas. CUC customers in these areas should have gotten their water services restored last Saturday, May 11.

CUC continues to work diligently to minimize any inconvenience to its customers. For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor its Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/). ***(PR)***

# Scheduled power interruptions

There will be scheduled power interruptions on the following dates and times:

**MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019 – 8:30am to 1:30pm**
- Outage type: Sectionalized feeder outage on the Kiya 1 distribution circuit
- Village location: Dandan
- Power service area(s) affected: ARFF
- Water service area(s) affected: As Terlaje, Dandan, and Kannat Tabla Tank Service Areas may be affected, depending on the tank levels.
- Wastewater service area(s) affected: None
- Work to be performed: Replace five wooden poles with concrete poles

**MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019 – 7:30am to 6:30pm**
- Outage type: Sectionalized feeder outage on the Kiya 1 distribution circuit
- Village location: Dandan
- Power service area(s) affected: Isa Drive (Airport Road traffic light intersection to Ming Yang Market)
- Water service area(s) affected: None
- Wastewater service area(s) affected: None
- Work to be performed: Replace damage power lines with new power lines

**TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019 – 8am to 4pm**
- Outage type: Sectionalized feeder outage on the Kiya 3 distribution circuit
- Village location: Gualo Road, Middle Road
- Power service area(s) affected: Gualo Rai, Middle Road
- Water service area(s) affected: None
- Wastewater service area(s) affected: S-6
- Work to be performed: Straighten three leaning concrete poles

**TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019 – 7:30am to 6:30pm**
- Outage type: Sectionalized feeder outage on the Kiya 4 distribution circuit
- Village location: Chalan Kanoa
- Power service area(s) affected: Texas Road, Chalan Kanoa
- Water service area(s) affected: None
- Wastewater service area(s) affected: A-11
- Work to be performed: Replace damaged conductor with new conductors

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019 – 8:30am to 1:30pm**
- Outage type: Sectionalized feeder outage on the Kiya 1 distribution circuit
- Village location: Dandan
- Power service area(s) affected: ARFF
- Water service area(s) affected: None
- Wastewater service area(s) affected: None
- Work to be performed: Replace five wooden poles with concrete poles

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019 – 7:30am to 6:30pm**
- Outage type: Sectionalized feeder outage on the Kiya 4 distribution circuit
- Village location: Chalan Kanoa
- Power service area(s) affected: Texas Road, Chalan Kanoa
- Water service area(s) affected: None
- Wastewater service area(s) affected: A-11
- Work to be performed: Replace damaged conductor with new conductors

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019 – 8am to 4pm**
- Outage type: Sectionalized feeder outage on the Kiya 2 distribution circuit
- Village location: As Lito
- Power service area(s) affected: Chalan Monsignor Martinez, As Lito and As Perdido
- Water service area(s) affected: As Perdido, As Gonno, Koblerville, San Antonio, Afetnas, Chalan Kanoa, Chalan Piao, Susupe, San Jose and Oleai may be affected due to tank level
- Wastewater service area(s) affected: A-15
- Work to be performed: Straighten two leaning concrete poles

**FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019 – 8:30am to 1:30pm**
- Outage type: Sectionalized feeder outage on the Kiya 1 distribution circuit
- Village location: Dandan
- Power service area(s) affected: ARFF
- Water service area(s) affected: None
- Wastewater service area(s) affected: None
- Work to be performed: Replace seven wooden poles with concrete poles

**SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019 – 7:30am to 6:30pm**
- Outage type: Sectionalized feeder outage on the Kiya 1 distribution circuit
- Village location: San Vicente
- Power service area(s) affected: Isa Drive (Airport Traffic Light intersection to Laulau Bay Drive)
- Water service area(s) affected: None
- Wastewater service area(s) affected: None
- Work to be performed: Replace damaged power lines with new power lines

**SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019 – 8am to 4pm**
- Outage type: Sectionalized feeder outage on the Feeder 1, 2 and 3 distribution circuits
- Village location: Lower Base
- Power service area(s) affected: Puerto Rico and Garapan Fishing Base
- Water service area(s) affected: None
- Wastewater service area(s) affected: Sadog Tasi Treatment, S-1 and S-3
- Work to be performed: Replace four wooden pole with concrete poles

**SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019 – 8am to 4pm**
- Outage type: Sectionalized feeder outage on the Kiya 1 distribution circuit
- Village location: Dandan
- Power service area(s) affected: Dandan Road
- Water service area(s) affected: None
- Wastewater service area(s) affected: None
- Work to be performed: Straighten 13 leaning concrete poles

The purpose of the power interruptions is to de-energize utility lines and allow power line workers from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and its contracting company, Primary Source Electric, the ability to safely conduct maintenance associated with the ongoing restoration effort in the aforementioned locations.

CUC line crews will work to complete the CUC Federal Emergency Management Agency Water System Mitigation Project, while line crews from PSE will continue hardening tasks along the power distribution system.

Water service may be interrupted in the villages of Dandan and As Lito during the scheduled outages.

Because of the scale of work that will be performed, CUC asks travelers to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the working area.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor its Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/). ***(CUC)***


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# PUBLIC NOTICE

**CRM COMMERCIAL WATERSPORTS PERMIT RENEWAL**

THE DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (DCRM) HEREBY GIVES NOTICE TO ALL COMMERCIAL MARINE SPORTS OPERATORS ON SAIPAN, TINIAN, AND ROTA THAT THE DEADLINE TO RENEW YOUR CRM COMMERCIAL WATERSPORTS PERMIT IS ON **MAY 30, 2019**.

ALL ACTIVE COMMERCIAL MARINE SPORTS OPERATORS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A CRM PERMIT APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL ON OR BEFORE THE MAY 30TH DEADLINE.

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# BOARD VACANCIES

The Council is a non-profit private corporation affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Council's board is comprised of thirteen volunteer members who serve three year terms. The Council strives to maintain a board that reflects a broad cross section of our CNMI community. The ideal candidate will have a strong desire to promote the Council's mission, programs, and activities and to actively participate in fundraising activities.

Board responsibilities include but are not limited to:
- Attending regular Council meetings four times annually;
- Raising funds for Council programs;
- Recruiting community partners;
- Promoting awareness about the Council's mission and its programs in the community;
- Attending Council programs and activities;
- Participating in working committee meetings;
- Evaluating Council programs and activities;
- Reviewing grant applications;
- Providing input about the humanities from various community members, and
- Attending conferences, workshops and other meetings on behalf of the Council.

CNMI residents are invited to submit their letter of interest and resume to Polly DLG. Masga, Chair, Northern Marianas Humanities Council at PO Box 506437 Saipan, MP 96950 or deliver to the Council's office located in the Springs Plaza in Gualo Rai, Saipan or email info@nmhcouncil.org
For additional information, please contact the Council's Executive Director, Leo Pangelinan, at telephone 235-4785 or visit the Council's website at www.nmhcouncil.org.

# Wildfire torches 450 acres in Guam

KENJI YAGI
Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 drops water on a fire in Santa Rita May 9.

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Guam Fire Department firefighters battle a blaze from the ground as Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 provides a water drop in Santa Rita May 9.

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Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 drops water on a fire in Santa Rita May 9.

**ASAN, Guam**—Guam firefighters—both local and federal—were joined by personnel from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25, colloquially called Island Knights, last May 9 to fight a blaze that has already engulfed 450 acres of land along Cross Island Road in Santa Rita.

Joint Regions Marianas Fire and Emergency Services, the Guam Fire Department, and the Department of Agriculture Forestry Division provided ground firefighting near a brush fire that quickly spread and threatened the Naval Magazine and local homes in Santa Rita.

HSC-25 was notified shortly after noon that the fire required the command's immediate assistance as the fire could not be contained by firefighters on the ground.

Aircraft commander Lt. Nicklaus Gfeller and his crew assisted in successfully containing the fire by dropping 28,140 gallons of water during the six-hour mission.

"Our primary focus was to save the homes and structures in the fire's path," said Gfeller. "Thankfully Guam Fire was able to place a portable water reservoir in a nearby cul-de-sac so we could minimize time spent transporting water from the Fena Valley Reservoir in order to maximize the amount of water on the fire."

The incident was just the latest in an HSC-25's ongoing endeavor to help safeguard the local community and properties from fires.

"This is the third time in two months that we have been able to launch and save houses, and structures from devastation due to wildfires, said Cmdr. Frank Loforti, HSC-25 commanding officer. "I am extremely proud of the squadron's ability to help protect the local community. We would not be able to support without the finest maintainers, support team, and aircrews in the fleet, and I couldn't be prouder to say that the squadron is always ready."

The fire was extinguished at approximately 10pm with no reports of structural damage or injuries to the community or first responders. HSC-25 provides a multi-mission rotary wing capability for units in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations and maintains a Guam-based 24-hour search and rescue and medical evacuation capability, directly supporting U.S. Coast Guard and Joint Region Marianas. HSC-25 is the Navy's only forward-deployed MH-60S expeditionary squadron. ***(JRM)***

## Trump OKs disaster declaration for Guam for Typhoon Wutip

**HAGÁTFIA**—A major disaster declaration has been approved for Guam.

Gov. Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero submitted a request for federal assistance after Typhoon Wutip struck the Marianas last Feb. 23, 2019.

The request for Public Assistance and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program were awarded:

**1.** Public Assistance provides grants to state and local governments and certain nonprofit entities to assist them with the response to and recovery from disasters.

**a.** Public Assistance projects may fall into the following categories:

**i.** Category A: Debris removal

**ii.** Category B: Emergency protective measures

**iii.** Category C: Road systems and bridges

**iv.** Category D: Water control facilities

**v.** Category E: Public buildings and contents

**vi.** Category F: Public utilities

**vii.** Category G: Parks and other recreational facilities

**2.** Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, which will assist Guam in building back stronger, reducing long-term risk to life and property from natural hazards.

"Our critical infrastructure on island received extensive damage from Typhoon Wutip," said Leon Guerrero. "The Presidential Declaration will provide federal aid to supplement local recovery efforts that began immediately after the typhoon's passing."

Lt. Gov. Joshua Tenorio added: "While our government agencies and mayors did our best and joined forces to minimize the damage, and while we are grateful that it was not a direct hit, our island was still significantly impacted. We appreciate this favorable decision from President Trump and look forward to working with our federal counterparts from [the Federal Emergency Management Agency] to move forward with the recovery process."

Trump has appointed Tracy A. Haynes as the federal coordinating officer for recovery operations in Guam. ***(PR)***

## UOG sophomore is selected for conservation scholars program

**Barasi**

This June, University of Guam sophomore Serena Barasi will start a two-year conservation leadership program at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Barasi was among 20 students—8 percent of applicants—who were accepted into the Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program. The program exposes college students to the field of environmental conservation through field research, leadership, and professional training.

"In terms of environmental conservation, there are currently many threats to Guam's environment and endemic species," Barasi said. "As an aspiring scientist and someone born on Guam, there is nothing I yearn for more than to be a part of a generation that creates solutions to these problems."

The program is split into two eight-week summer internships, which both include a $4,000 stipend. The first year integrates conservation design, leadership, and research experience while the scholars travel with a close group of peers and mentors. During the second year, the scholars intern with a conservation organization or agency.

"Serena is a great choice for this program because she is academically solid — majoring in both biology and chemistry — works very hard, and is enthusiastic about learning and conservation," said Professor of Biology Curt Fiedler, who recommended Barasi for the program.

Barasi is the second student from the University of Guam to be accepted into the program. Annette Ludwig was accepted into the program's first cohort in 2016.

In the future, the Barasi's sights are set on helping Guam.

"As an individual, I just want to help improve the earth, which, of course, includes Guam and the people who call it home," Barasi said. ***(UOG)***

## NMI Judiciary joins Law Week celebration

Every year on May 1, the American Bar Association sponsors Law Day, a national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law. This year's theme is "Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society," values representing some of the "most important foundations for a free society," according to the ABA.

"It is impossible to imagine a free society without these individual liberties, yet historical and current debates surrounding them continually challenge us to consider their boundaries and resilience," said the ABA.

These ideas continue to ring true in the Commonwealth, the United States, and the world.

In years past, the Law Day proclamation signing was held in the Guma' Hustisia. This year, the CNMI Judiciary is grateful to the Office of Aging and the Man'amko Center, which hosted the CNMI's 2019 Law Day proclamation signing on Friday, April 26. Representatives from the executive, legislative, and judicial branch, as well as from the CNMI Bar Association, were present for the signing. The NMI Drug Court, established in 2015, also held their proclamation ceremony on May 2 at the American Memorial Park theatre.

The Judiciary partners with various agencies in the legal community to celebrate Law Day throughout the week of May 1. This includes sponsoring an essay and poster contest for students on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota commemorating this year's Law Day theme. Students in elementary school were asked to create a poster that expresses their thoughts on Free Speech, Free Press, and Free Society. Middle school students were called on to write 500-word essays expressing the same values.

The NMI Supreme Court conducted appellate oral arguments at Grace Christian Academy on April 29. All Grace Christian Academy high school students were present for the oral arguments. Hosting appellate oral arguments throughout the CNMI's schools is part of the "Justice and Judges in Classroom" program, an interactive outreach program designed to educate the youth on the judicial system. Students can witness attorneys make appellate arguments in front of the NMI Supreme Court and afterwards ask questions about the legal system. The Judiciary is grateful to GCA for welcoming the Supreme Court into their school.

This year's celebration of Law Day was commemorated with the 35th Annual Attorney General's Cup Speech Competition. Students from seven schools were represented, with Justin Ocampo from Mount Carmel School receiving first place, Lanz Jabez Victoria from Grace Christian Academy in second place, and Shea Kennedy Hartig from Marianas High School in third place. This year's theme for the Attorney General's Cup Speech Competition was Cannabis: Curse or Cure?

If you are interested in bringing the courtroom into your classroom, or for further information, contact Divana DelaCruz at divana.delacruz@justice.gov.mp. ***(PR)***

# Hunter earns Goldman Sachs program certificate

Saipan entrepreneur Glen Hunter has joined the ranks of business owners graduating from Goldman Sachs' 10,000 Small Businesses education and mentorship initiative. That makes him the first in the CNMI to have completed and earned a certificate from the program.

"I am so grateful to have been able to complete this program," Hunter said. "To be part of such a prestigious program is such an honor."

Hunter is the lead figure in three businesses on Saipan. He is the founder and co-owner of The Shack Saipan, a beachside café in Oleai that serves island-style bistro cuisine, and co-owns and runs The Airstream Saipan, and the recently established GoHydro LLC.

Hunter originally enrolled with the fall 2018 batch of the program, selected from more than 800 applicants. However, he could not complete the program on time due to Super Typhoon Yutu. Hunter got a second chance when he was invited to re-enter the program as part of the spring 2019 batch.

"It was difficult having to pull out after Yutu," Hunter said. "Although I was stretched pretty thin, I could not pass up the opportunity to start again and complete this program.

"It was by far one of the most challenging professional development courses I have been part of. And it's definitely the most rewarding."

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The spring 2019 graduates of the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Business National Program.

The 10,000 Small Business initiative, or 10KSB, is an education and mentorship program launched in 2009 by Goldman Sachs, a leading organization in the securities and investment industry. The program is based at Babson College in Wellesley, Massachusetts, developed under the principle that greater access to education, capital, and support services is the best way to address growth barriers for small businesses. The goal of 10KSB is to help 10,000 small businesses by giving its scholars a condensed and intensive MBA-like training within an 11-week span.

Through 10KSB, qualified business owners can receive guidance in creating a customized growth plan. This growth plan includes opportunity identification and feasibility analysis, financial management, leadership, negotiations, and marketing. Additionally, participants get access to one-on-one business counseling and to a network of peer support from other small business owners, as well as leaders in the business world.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Glen Hunter's seven-member growth group, The Breakfast Club. From left, Boss Oroke, Chandra Namumnart, Malee Ojua, Arianne Foulks, Susan DeLand, Luis Alvarez, Glen Hunter, and Carlos Alvarez-Aranyos.

"The program is designed to be highly participative and immediately impactful, emphasizing peer-to-peer and experiential learning focused on their specific business," said Babson College's Richard T. Bliss, the program's national academic director.

"These business owners represent the best of the U.S. economy. This program helps them grow their business, create new jobs, and strengthen our communities. Nearly 70 percent of participants increase revenues and 50 percent create new jobs just six months after graduating," Bliss added.

According to Hunter: "Aside from the practical training we received from topnotch instructors, we were paired with a personal Virtual Business Advisor who was available throughout the program. My VBA, Susan Deland, was a godsend and someone I will be relying on for advice in years to come."

The program subdivided the cohort into smaller groups of eight for a higher degree of peer-to-peer learning. "I have developed such a tight bond with everyone in this program and gained lifelong partners in my growth group, The Breakfast Club," Hunter said.

For more information on The Shack Saipan, visit its website, www.TheShackSaipan.com, or visit its Facebook page, www.facebook.com/TheShackSaipan/. ***(PR)***

## Road closure in Chalan Kiya tomorrow

There will be construction and road closures on the eastbound lane of Chalan Kiya Drive near Chalan Kiya Mobil gas station and Seventh Day Adventist School tomorrow, May 14, 2019, from 9am to 5pm.

The purpose of the construction and road closures is to allow Commonwealth Utilities Corp. wastewater operations personnel to continue their project of uncovering and raising manholes buried under asphalt.

During the paving of Chalan Kiya Drive, several manholes were buried under asphalt causing little access to them. CUC was able to uncover and raise one manhole during their last project. As a result of this project, CUC personnel will have a better and easier access to these wastewater assets. It is imperative that CUC have access to these manholes to effectively and efficiently operate, maintain, repair, and monitor the system.

Due to the closure of the eastbound lane and for the safety of the community, pedestrians, motorists, and large vehicles are advised to proceed with caution and take alternative routes when traveling through the area.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor its Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/). ***(PR)***

## USCIS to expand info services modernization to CNMI

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will expand its Information Services Modernization Program to the CNMI Office stating today, May 13.

USCIS anticipates expanding the program to all remaining field offices by the end of fiscal year 2019.

The Information Services Modernization Program ends self-scheduling of InfoPass appointments and, instead, encourages applicants to use USCIS online information resources to view general how-to information and check case statuses through the USCIS Contact Center.

Recent improvements to online tools provide applicants the ability to obtain their case status and other immigration information without having to visit a local field office.

The Information Modernization program started as a pilot in March 2018 and since then has improved the delivery of emergency and other critical in-person services quickly. The agency hopes this new system will help people "skip the trip" and they will only have to come in for urgent situations. An additional benefit is that this system ultimately gives USCIS field officers greater capacity to complete their cases more quickly.

"Expanding this program is a significant step in our efforts to move more USCIS services and information online," said USCIS Director Francis Cissna. "It also frees up agency staff to spend more time adjudicating benefit requests which should help reduce case processing times. USCIS remains committed to pursuing the most effective and efficient ways to administer our nation's lawful immigration system."

At USCIS pilot field offices, the Information Services Modernization program reduced the average wait time for an appointment from 11 to five days. Additionally, when an individual needed in-person assistance, the USCIS Contact Center has been able to schedule it for them without the individual having to search for available time slots. ***(USCIS)***

**ERRATUM**

## McDonald's gave mothers a 10

McDonald's Saipan joined families around the world to celebrate Mother's Day yesterday by giving a 10-pecent discount on total purchases of McDonald's food items.

This promo was only good on May 12 at both McDonald's Garapan Express and its main branch along Chalan Pala Arnold Road and applied only to in-store purchases.

A previous article published in the Saipan Tribune last Friday May 10, 2019, erroneously reported that McDonald's is giving 100-percent discount on their Mother's Day promo when it should have been 10 percent. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

## UFO to host contests for PH Independence Day

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The United Filipino Organization in the CNMI will hold a string of contests as part of its observance of the 121st Philippine Independence Day during its annual "Pistang Pinoy festivities" on June 9, 2019.

There will be three contests, with cash prizes waiting for the top three winners of an "original Pinoy music" singing contest, dance contest, and a father-and-son lookalike contest.

The singing contest is open to all amateur singers 45 years old and above. The first prize winner gets $300 while the second prize winner gets $200. The third prize winner wins $100.

A dance contest open to all ages requires a four-minute group performance of up to eight members. The first prize winner gets $500 while the second prize gets $300. The third prize winner gets $200.

The father-and-son lookalike contest is open to fathers and sons of all ages. The pair is required to prepare a performance to showcase their talents and comes with a refundable registration fee of $20 that is forfeited if the participant does not show up for the contest.

The winning pair brings home $200.

Other Pistang Pinoy activities include health screenings, aero dance, cardio boxing, parlor games, drawing contests, food stalls, entertainment, and more.

For more information, contact Gerry De Guzman at 287-6093, Mar Masilungan at 483-9440, Birhen Martinez at 483-0915, Bok at 285-9756, or Ladyvir Canape at 989-2545.

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## EDITORIAL

# H-1B visa crackdown points to need for reforms

It's a shame that many Americans don't appreciate the benefits that diverse, well-educated workers bring to our economy and culture.

The nation would benefit from further expansion of the H-1B program that allows companies to hire highly skilled foreign professionals for positions with shortages of qualified American workers.

But the tech industry, which relies on those workers, shares blame for the failure. Tech firms—especially outsourcing and consulting companies—for too long have been replacing American workers with cheaper foreign labor.

As a result, the Trump administration understandably has cracked down on firms abusing the H-1B visa process. Unfortunately, that also makes it harder for tech companies that play by the rules to add the talent they need to innovate and thrive.

In 2017, the president directed U.S. Citizen and Immigration Service to more closely scrutinize H-1B applications. The agency strengthened its fraud prevention programs and ratcheted up inspections of H-1B employers. Immigration officials announced last month that in 2018 they denied nearly 25 percent of requests for new visas for foreign workers. It represents the highest H-1B visa denial rate in 10 years and was nearly double the 13 percent rate in the prior fiscal year.

The tech industry's largest direct employers—Google, Facebook and Microsoft—were not significantly impacted by the policy shift. They had visa denial rates only 1 percent to 2 percent higher in 2018 than in 2017. But outsourcing and consulting companies that rely heavily on H-1B visas saw their denials increase from 4 percent in 2016 to 42 percent in 2018.

The U.S. Citizen and Immigration Service said that the major reasons for visa denials were:

- Failure to establish an occupation meets the visa requirements.
- Failure to show that a company and visa candidate have a valid employment relationship.
- Failure to demonstrate that work is available for the term of the visa.

It's disappointing that some companies fail to play by the rules and hurt the H-1B program at a time when workers are needed more than ever. The exact extent of the tech industry's worker shortage has been a topic for heated debate for the past decade. What's clear is the Bay Area's exploding job market has exacerbated the problem.

Tech leaders say it's increasingly difficult to find qualified applicants for thousands of electrical engineering, computer science and software engineering jobs. They continue pushing to expand the limit of H-1B visas from the current 85,000 to more than 100,000.

Silicon Valley's continued success relies on attracting and retaining the brightest minds around the world to drive the next wave of innovation. It's what has made this region the envy of its global competitors for decades. But tech companies should ensure that they are not abusing the system if they want to garner the political support required to expand the H-1B visa program.

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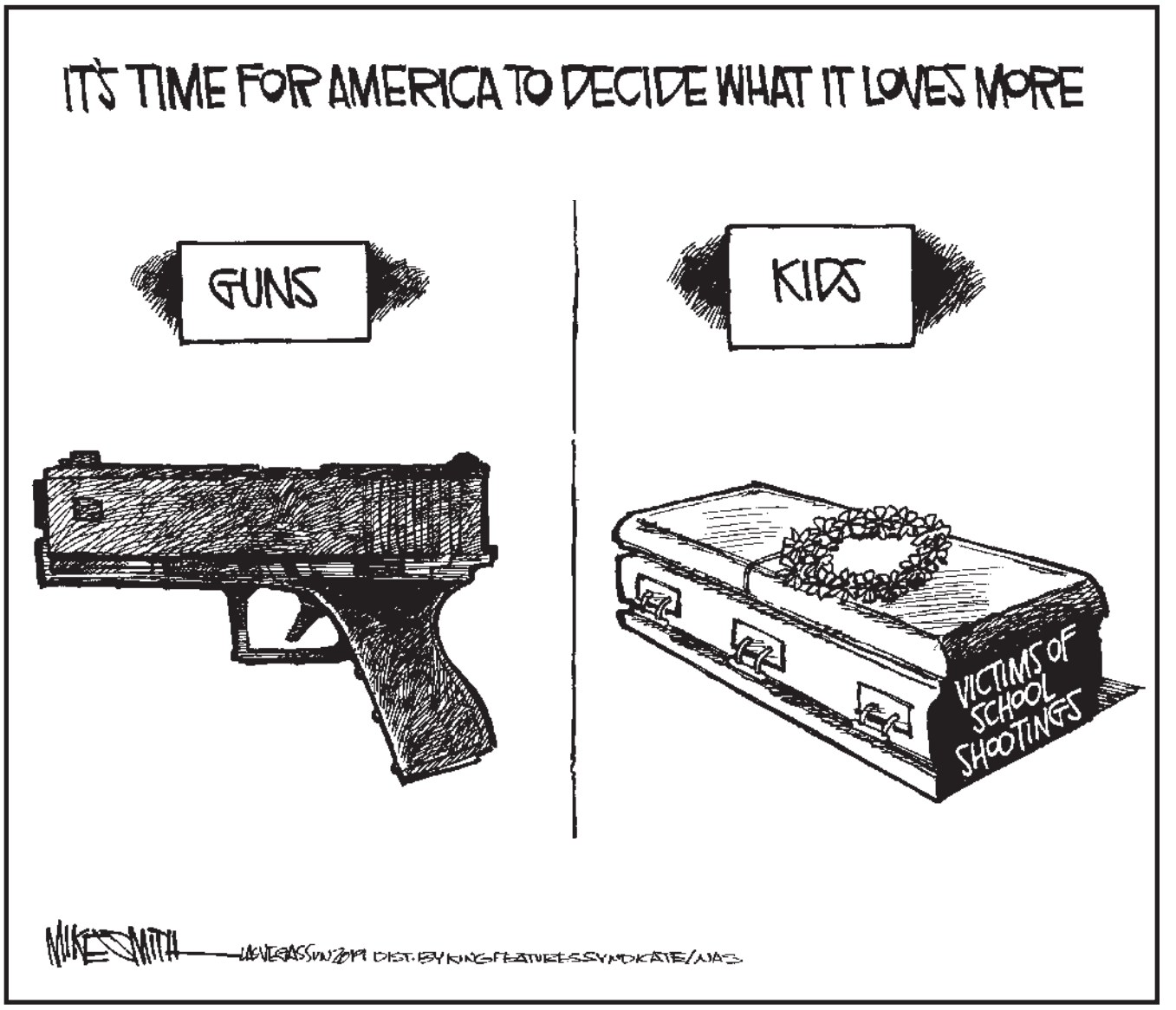


# 'Daddy, am I on the list of children to be shot?'

**By DAVID LINCICUM**
Chicago Tribune

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School shootings in America have become such a ghastly routine that reporting on them has turned a corner from "School shooting leaves (#) dead, adults do nothing to prevent future occurrences" to "Fewer dead in school shooting after kid sacrifices self to protect other kids."

The recent shootings at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and the STEM School Highlands Ranch in Colorado are only the latest examples.

We adults have taught kids that we are not going to save them, and they are taking survival into their own hands. I fear this may be their best plan.

In March 2018, in the wake of the Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Fla, a month earlier, my wife and I schlepped our four kids to the local "March for Our Lives" demonstration here in South Bend, Ind. At the rally, one of the organizers read aloud a list of the names of those who had been killed in Parkland, together with those young people who had recently lost their lives to gun violence in our area. A somber silence settled on the crowd.

That night our then-6-year-old couldn't get to sleep. "Daddy," she asked, "Is my name on that list?"

Puzzled, I tried to tease more from her: "What list, sweetheart?"

"The list of children to be shot."

She had heard the names read aloud, but had not understood these children were already dead. We assured her that there was no such list, that she would be safe, and that we would protect her.

Still, the idea of a List of Children to be Shot haunts me. As a scholar of ancient Judaism and Christianity, I can't help calling to mind the old images of heavenly books with lists of those who will live and die. Although this is widespread in ancient apocalyptic literature, the most familiar example is found in the canonical Book of Revelation. There we find the recurrence of a "Book of Life" containing the names of the faithful. The heavenly book contains the outcome of historical events, known in advance ("written from the foundation of the world"), and so assures the audience that, in spite of all appearances, events on earth are unfolding according to plan.

The List sounds to me like some perverse parody of the "Book of Life." Rather than offering hope to a beleaguered minority in duress, as the invocation of a secret "Book of Life" was intended to do, the List conjures only a foreboding dread.

The ancient writers I study are not the only prophetic voices, however.

In 1970, in the aftermath of a decade that saw the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy, the historian Richard Hofstadter presciently remarked, "A nation that could not devise a system of gun control after its experiences of the 1960s, and at a moment of profound popular revulsion against guns, is not likely to get such a system in the calculable future. One must wonder how grave a domestic gun catastrophe would have to be in order to persuade us. How far must things go?"

The years since the 2012 shooting of 20 young children at Sandy Hook Elementary School have only underlined that haunting question. A recent study finds that in 2017, schoolchildren were far more likely to die from a firearm than police officers or active-duty military were likely to die in the line of duty. From 1999 to 2017, there were 38,942 gun-related fatalities among 5- to 18-year-olds.

I tried to comfort my daughter by assuring her there was no List. But as I send her off to school each morning, I have an uneasy sensation: Could her name be on such a list? Might she be next? I could wish that my dark suspicions were merely flights of apocalyptic imagination, a vision of some sinister angel writing children's names in blood. In those terms, the List would be easier to dismiss. But it's not curated by some fallen angel. It's guarded, perpetuated, ensured and prolonged by a citizenry more concerned with private rights than public lives.

That our common history is unfolding according to The List of Children to be Shot is no cause for surprise; it is the awful, predictable consequence of our inaction, and we have only ourselves to blame. We are the sinister angels.

# Grieving over Mom: No, she's not in a 'better place'

**By STEPHEN J. LYONS**
Chicago Tribune

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Two days before my mother died, she was incontinent, incoherent and, with the exception of some humming, incommunicado. Dementia had swept away her ability to swallow food or water, and danger of asphyxiation was real. Nurses swabbed her dry lips with a kind of wet sponge lollipop. Mom would suck on it for all it was worth. The nurses laughed when Mom would not let go of the sponge.

I sat with Mom alone, holding the hand that once held mine; the same hand that tickled, pinched and prodded me; the same hand that dried my tears when I was 11 and had been robbed of my ice cream money by some roaming toughs on Chicago's South Side.

Through tears that she could not wipe away, I thanked Mom for all she had given me: a fierce sense of independence and curiosity; an acceptance of all peoples and races (no exceptions!); encouragement for my writing and for my minor musical ability. She was my biggest fan, and she would embarrassingly brag to anyone about my achievements, no matter how insignificant. As far back as I can recall, she always said I was capable of more, so much more. Don't become one of the herd. I never wanted to fail her.

For the most important years of my adolescence, she was a single mom, commuting by public transit in dresses, high heels and nylons to clerical jobs in downtown Chicago each and every day, without fail. I did not appreciate it as a young boy, but later, as a struggling single parent myself, I realized that what she did was heroic.

On that last day with Mom, I told her it was OK to let go, even though I did not want her to go. "Mom, I'm right here with you. There is no reason to be afraid. You can leave but I will always be with you." She seemed to hear me through the morphine, or so I imagined. Her blue eyes were wild and searching. Where was she? What were her thoughts?

The following Tuesday morning, as I was getting ready to drive to the nursing unit to hold her hand again and keep vigil, I received the call that Mom had died.

In the following weeks, some friends, relatives and acquaintances kindly reached out to assure me: "Mom was in a better place." "After all, she was not going to get better." "It must be a relief."

No. Yes. No.

People mean well in these situations of loss. I would never minimize their empathy, but I get where Kate Spencer is coming from when she writes in her wonderfully helpful memoir, "The Dead Moms Club": "You're totally allowed to side-eye all people who say, 'At least she's in a better place now.' "

Every kind gesture does matter: a card, a phone call, a text and even Facebook emojis. If you have experienced loss, you know what I mean. If you haven't (and, trust me, you will), remember to always lead with kindness.

Yet, this idea of a "better place" did not exactly comfort me, because being alive remains the best place ever.

Let's review the facts: Mom is dead. Nothing will change that, even though for the past month I keep expecting her to call me. I wake up at night and think I need to be doing something for her. Then I remember that Mom is no longer here, on this planet, at this time. I cannot begin to describe how weird that feels.

"A better place" is not a crematorium or pricey casket stuck in the ground. A better place is Mom in her 30s, at the height of her physical beauty and capability. She and her best friend, Jeannette, are in jeans and bras washing their hair with beer in the kitchen sink of our cramped apartment. (They are also drinking the beer and laughing like schoolchildren.) I am around 8 years old and am awed by the overwhelming magnificence of their femininity.

A better place is when Mom bought me my first guitar from Sears; when she tried to hit me fly balls in a vacant lot; when she took me out for hamburgers and fries on payday at Chicago's majestic Windermere Hotel; and when she kept me home from school so we could watch the funeral of her hero Martin Luther King Jr. There are no better places than these.

After some time, Mom's ashes arrived. They are whitish-gray, heavier than expected and sealed with a round metal clip with the number 5869. Is this the better place? Hardly, but it's a comfort to think that some part of her is here with me. And that among those remains and the memories they will trigger is a path forward through this crushing grief.

# In America, we'd rather make tragic heroes of our children than protect them

**By HELEN UBIÑAS**
Philly.com

Among the hundreds of victims added to the body count last week from our ever-growing national negligence on gun violence were two teenagers who lunged at school gunmen to save the lives of others.

Ever since then, there have been near constant cries that we should be ashamed that our children are burdened with such life-saving actions—as if this country doesn't show on the regular that it's sold itself out of that particular emotion a long time ago.

Start with a president who in the aftermath of the school shootings took to a stage during one of his revolting rallies to make a punch line out of a rabid supporter's suggestion that immigrants at the border should be shot.

"Only in the Panhandle," Trump chuckled. Ba dum chhh.

What a true leader, a decent human being, should have been doing at the time was honoring 18-year-old Kendrick Castillo—a Latino—who on Tuesday died rushing a shooter at his Denver school, giving his classmates time to take cover.

Or Riley Howell, 21, who a week earlier lost his life charging a gunman who'd burst into a University of North Carolina-Charlotte lecture hall and opened fire.

Or any of the young people who are on the front lines of our true national emergency, and mastering what to do if—or more likely, when – they are confronted with an active shooter. "Don't cry or you'll be found," a young girl tells a group of adults in a disturbing new public service announcement video from the gun-violence advocacy group March for Our Lives.

Those who see Trump for the dangerous man that he is talk about his boorish, childish, behavior. But these days that does a huge disservice to the young people who are consistently standing on the right side of issues, from Parkland to Parkway, while the president of the United States pushing both-siderism, when he's not just digging into the absolute wrong side.

Last week I went to a peace march in Philadelphia led by children, including a 6- and 8-year-old whose father was shot and killed when one of the kids was a newborn and the other still in her mother's womb. Their grandmother told me that they ask a lot of questions about guns and bad guys, but mostly about their father: Do we look like him?

It was one of three simultaneous anti-violence marches in the city.

It was heartbreaking, or should be – children burdened by so much trauma before they're even out of diapers. But something that breaks our hearts should move us to act, should't it?

The only people truly acting on gun violence are the children who have figured out that no one – least of all the adults around them—is coming to save them.

On Tuesday afternoon, a roomful of adults crammed into a selfie of a meeting about the city's "Roadmap to Safer Communities" that in its defense actually does resemble Philly's roads—full of pot holes. That night, one person was killed and five others, including a 4-year-old boy, were wounded in separate shootings.

So, the young people save themselves and each other and maybe if we're lucky, they'll save us in the process.

Consider the words of Nate Holley, a sixth grader at the Denver school, where Castillo was killed and eight others were injured.

"I had my hand around a metal baseball bat..." he told CNN. "If I was going to go down, I was going to go down fighting." He is 12.

In an interview with ABC News, Castillo's father said his son, just days from graduation, had said he would act if something bad happened.

The teen was true to his word, unlike the adults whose idea of action is just "thoughts and prayers."

We've rightly mocked that empty response to gun violence, but I've noticed something else as we feel increasingly powerless. We cling to kindness and love as we watch the daily deterioration of our democracy and the moral cowards in power stand idly by. Many days I do, too.

It's an appealing concept, that ultimately our collective compassion as Americans is strong and can overcome basic instincts built on fear and selfishness.

But I fear that we overestimate the power of love and kindness and decency with our capacity for cruelty and ignorance and complicity. At our own peril.

## NURSES

*From Page 1*

"Nurses are a part of a life throughout the continuum," wrote one nurse, describing some people she'd cared for. "The family I guided through the death of their child. The patient I gave a manicure who passed away suddenly the next day. The nursing student who performed a procedure for the first time and was successful. My memories of my patients, my students and my peers is something I cherish."

When I was growing up, girls who wanted to work outside the house had only a few choices. Chief among them were secretary, teacher and nurse. I could imagine being a secretary or a teacher, but a nurse? That seemed a calling for a different kind of girl.

Those girls were more patient than I was. They had a higher tolerance for strangers' body fluids. They were also the kind of girls—competent but kind, slow to panic—you'd want around when something went wrong.

Nurses specialize in what's gone wrong.

(Quick fact: Not so long ago, almost no men went into nursing. Today, 13 percent of nurses are men and the number is growing as the demand for nurses grows.)

Did someone just raise a hand to say, "But what about the bad nurses?"

I'm sure someone did. After I wrote about teachers I heard a few people sniff, "But what about the bad teachers?"

To which I can only say there are bad teachers, bad doctors, bad journalists, bad lawyers, bad baristas, bad fill-in-the-blank. Every field comes with the good and the bad. Most of the nurses I've met have been good.

There was a time, not so long ago, that I hadn't had much direct experience with nurses. Then several people I loved got sick and I spent a lot of time sitting next to their beds, watching nurses bustle in and out, reading monitors, delivering medicines, asking questions, listening.

Listening to heartbeats, to complaints, to fears. Nurses spend a lot of time listening.

The best nurses I've met have a talent for making patients feel heard and seen. Based on my experience, nurses also have an above-average sense of humor.

I don't remember the names of most of the nurses I've met sitting at the bedsides of people I love, but I do remember one. Nancy Diane. She cared for my mother with the personalized kindness we all hope our parents receive in their final time.

Nurses like Nancy Diane are summoned to witness details of living and dying that many of us work to avoid. They know how to comfort.

"Most of us go into the profession as a vocation," one nurse emailed me. "Most of the time we are so busy there isn't any time for breaks, lunch or even a bathroom break. We are very protective of our patients and are their first and sometimes only advocate. We really do care."

Now that she's retired, she said, she's been "on the other side of the bed," where she has come to appreciate nurses even more.

Here's to having a nurse with that kind of dedication when we're on the receiving end of the bed.

# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

| TODAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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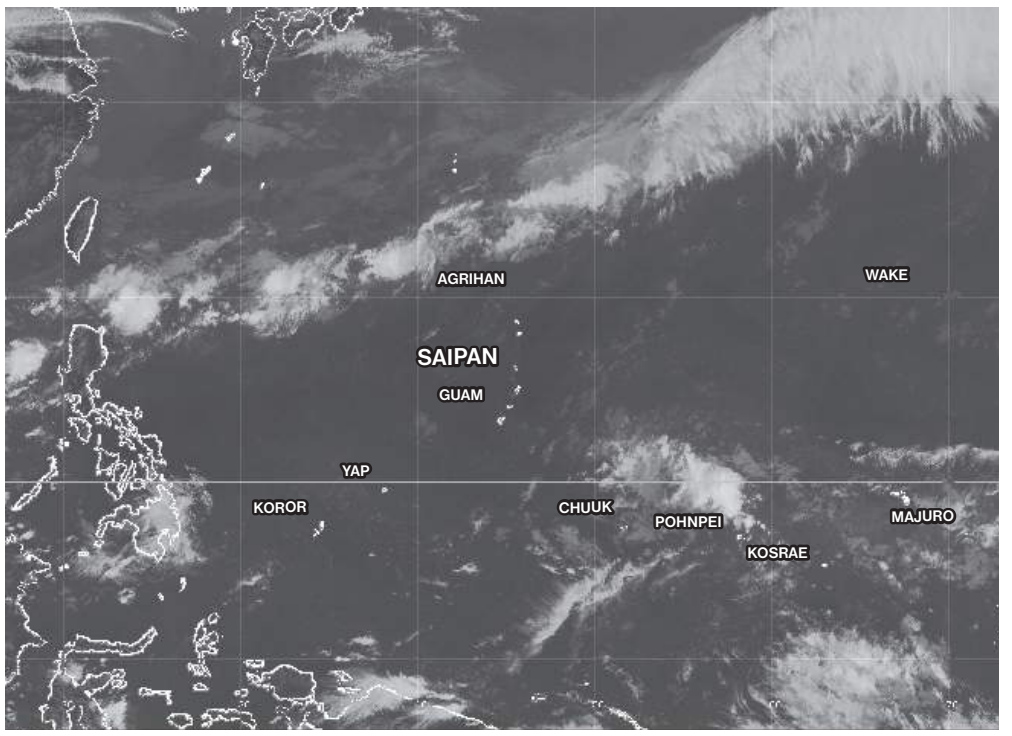


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| Yap | Mostly Sunny | 88° / 80° |
| Chuuk | Thunderstorms | 86° / 81° |
| Pohnpei | Thunderstorms | 85° / 79° |
| Kosrae | Thunderstorms | 85° / 79° |
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| AROUND THE GLOBE | | ▲ ▼ °F |
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| Honolulu | Showers | 86° / 73° |
| London | Sunny | 61° / 45° |
| Los Angeles | Mostly Sunny | 76° / 61 |
| Manila | Partly Cloudy | 93° / 81° |
| Melbourne | Mostly Sunny | 63° / 45° |
| Miami | Thunderstorms | 86° / 76° |
| New York | Showers | 55° / 46° |
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| Paris | Sunny | 61° / 43° |
| Busan | Cloudy | 73° / 63° |
| Rome | Cloudy | 61° / 46° |
| Salem | Mostly Sunny | 78° / 53° |
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| Tokyo | Showers | 73° / 61° |
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| 09:26 AM | LOW TIDE | 1.06 |
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| UA117 | 9:15am | 9:56am | Daily |
| UA105 | 6:25pm | 7:05pm | 2, 4 |

### SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

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| 7C3451 | 3:10am | 6:10am | 1, 3, 5, 7 |
| 7C3451 | 3:30am | 6:30am | 4 |

### SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

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| TW308 | 1:35am | 5:20am | Daily |
| OZ626 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 |
| OZ62 | 2:50am | 6:30am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| 7C3403 | 4:45am | 8:35am | 2, 4, 5 |
| 7C3403 | 5:10am | 8:55am | 1, 7 |
| 7C3401 | 4:10pm | 7:45pm | Daily |

### SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

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| 3U8648 | 6:10am | 8:50am | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

### SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

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| JD396 | 7:30am | 11:00am | 1 |
| JD396 | 4:50pm | 7:55pm | 4 |

### SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

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|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8646 | 4:30am | 7:55am | 2, 6 |

### SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

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|---|---|---|---|
| MU764 | 1:30am | 6:00am | 3, 5, 7 |

### SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

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| OZ626/701 | 2:20am | 11:05am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ626/701 | 2:50am | 11:05am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA117/183 | 9:15am | 8:50pm | 2, 5 via GUM |
| UA117/183 | 9:15am | 9:10pm | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA117/193 | 9:15am | 10:40pm | 2, 5 via GUM-ROR |

### SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

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| HX077 | 1:50am | 5:10am | 1, 4 |
| OZ626/721 | 2:20am | 11:40am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ626/721 | 2:50am | 11:40am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UO43 | 5:35am | 8:25am | 1 |
| UO43 | 5:50am | 8:40am | 3, 5, 7 |
| UA117/159 | 9:15am | 9:50pm | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |

## ARRIVALS

### GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

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| UA174 | 7:30am | 8:12am | Daily |
| UA104 | 4:50pm | 5:31pm | 2, 4 |

### BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

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| 7C3452 | 9:05pm | 2:10am+1 | 2, 4, 6, 7 |
| 7C3452 | 9:35pm | 2:30am+1 | 3 |

### SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

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| 7C3402 | 09:30am | 3:10pm | Daily |
| TW307 | 7:00pm | 12:35am+1 | Daily |
| OZ625 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| OZ625 | 8:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| 7C3404 | 10:10pm | 3:40am+1 | 1, 3, 4 |
| 7C3404 | 10:40pm | 4:10am+1 | 6, 7 |

### SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

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| 3U8647 | 10:20pm | 4:50am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 |

### HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

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| JD395 | 8:05am | 3:30pm | 4 |
| JD395 | 9:35pm | 5:00am+1 | 7 |

### GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

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| 3U8645 | 7:55pm | 2:40am+1 | 1, 5 |

### BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

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|---|---|---|---|
| MU763 | 4:30pm | 12:30am+1 | 2, 4, 6 |

### MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

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| OZ702/625 | 12:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| OZ702/625 | 12:15pm | 2:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| UA192/174 | 9:45pm | 8:12am+1 | 2, 5 via GUM-ROR |
| UA184/174 | 10:25pm | 8:12am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/174 | 11:30pm | 8:12am+1 | 2, 5 via GUM |

### HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

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| OZ722/625 | 1:10pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| HX076 | 5:15pm | 00:15am+1 | 3, 7 |
| UO42 | 6:25pm | 1:20am+1 | 7 |
| UO42 | 9:25pm | 4:20am+1 | 2, 4, 6 |
| UA116/174 | 10:45pm | 8:12am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |

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| 1301 | 7:30AM | 8:00AM | Daily |
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| 1303 | 4:00PM | 4:30PM | Daily |

### ROTA TO SAIPAN

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| 3101 | 8:15AM | 8:45AM | Daily |
| 3102 | 1:45PM | 2:15PM | Daily |
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### ROTA TO GUAM

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
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| 3401 | 12:15PM | 12:45PM | Daily |

### GUAM TO ROTA

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
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| 4301 | 1:00PM | 1:30PM | Daily |

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| 1203 | 9:00AM | 9:15AM | Daily |
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# Business

## Trump has long seen previous US trade agreements as losers

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—President Donald Trump's combative approach to trade has been one of the main constants among his often-shifting political views. And he's showing no signs of backing off now, even as the stakes intensify with the threat of a full-blown trade war between the world's two biggest economies.

The president went after China on Day 1 of his presidential bid, promising to "bring back our jobs from China, from Mexico, from Japan, from so many places."

Trump's views on trade helped forge his path to victory in states such as Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin and Ohio, where he linked the loss of manufacturing jobs to the North America Free Trade Agreement and other trade deals. He warned the worst was yet to come with President Barack Obama's proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership.

His trashing of existing and proposed trade agreements grabbed the headlines, but he also made clear his view that globalization had been bad for America and that he would use tariffs to protect national security and domestic producers. He cited the nation's Founding Fathers, Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan as leaders whose footsteps he was following when it came to trade and tariffs.

"Our original Constitution did not even have an income tax," Trump told voters in Monessen, Pennsylvania, some four months before the 2016 presidential election. "Instead, it had tariffs, emphasizing taxation of foreign, not domestic production."

No. 7 on his list of trade promises in that speech: taking on China for "its theft of American trade secrets."

"This is so easy. I love saying this. I will use every lawful presidential power to remedy trade disputes, including the application of tariffs consistent" with existing trade laws, Trump said.

Those laws include Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act, which Trump cited to enact tariffs on steel and aluminum imports from China, Canada, Mexico and elsewhere.

They also include Section 301 of the Trade Act, which Trump used last year to apply 25 percent tariffs on $50 billion worth of Chinese goods and 10 percent tariffs on $200 billion of goods. That 10 percent was increased to 25 percent on Friday. Trump is laying the groundwork to extend the 25 percent tariff to all of China's exports to the U.S.

"Such an easy way to avoid Tariffs? Make or produce your goods and products in the good old USA. It's very simple!" Trump tweeted on Saturday.

Of course, America's trading partners haven't let Trump's tariffs stand without taking similar action themselves. Farmers, boat makers and whiskey and wine producers are just some of the U.S. industries caught in the middle.

"Farming is a very small margin, small profit business. We rely on lots of volume and lots of sales to generate a profit," said Brent Bible, a soybean and corn farmer in Lafayette, Indiana, who has seen prices for both commodities drop in the past year. "We are operating at a loss now."

Trump's philosophy on some issues has evolved over the years.

He once described himself regarding the abortion issue as "very pro-choice." Now, his administration promotes him as the most "pro-life president in American history."

On trade, not so much. In "Trump: The Art of the Deal," Trump complained of the Japanese that "what's unfortunate is that for decades now they have become wealthier in large measure by screwing the United States with a self-serving trade policy that our political leaders have never been able to fully understand or counteract."

Fast-forward nearly three decades, and Trump declared in his 2015 announcement for the presidency that other nations were prospering at America's expense. "When was the last time anybody saw us beating, let's say, China, in a trade deal? They kill us. I beat China all the time," Trump said.

AP

China Shipping Company and other containers are stacked at the Virginia International's terminal in Portsmouth, Va., Friday, May 10, 2019.

## Uber, Lyft losses keep competitors at bay

**SAN FRANCISCO** (AP)—A fare war between Uber and Lyft has led to billions of dollars in losses for both ride-hailing companies as they fight for passengers and drivers.

But in one way it has been good for investors who snatched up the newly public companies' stock: The losses have scared off the competition, giving the leaders a duopoly in almost every American city.

The two San Francisco companies have already lost a combined $13 billion. And with no clear road to profits ahead, no one else has much of an incentive to mount a challenge using the same model relying on people driving their own cars to pick up passengers that summon them on a smartphone app, said Susan Shaheen, co-director of the Transportation Sustainability Research Center at the University of California, Berkeley.

Even if another rival dared enter the market, it would likely be difficult to raise enough money to pose a viable threat after Uber and Lyft spent the past decade pulling in billions of dollars from venture capitalists. And in the past six weeks, they raised an additional $10.4 billion in their recently completed initial public offerings of stock.

"There's only a duopoly because both companies have enough capital to compete with each other and no one else does," said Gartner analyst Michael Ramsey.

It's likely to remain that way until any of dozens of companies trying to create self-driving cars refines their technology so they can launch a network of robotic taxis that removes human drivers from the equation. That breakthrough could enable them to slash their fares below the prices currently being charged by Uber and Lyft.

Google spin-off Waymo has made no secret of its intention to muscle its way into the ride-hailing market with a fleet of self-driving cars built on technology that it has been working on for the past decade. Waymo launched a ride-hailing service with robotic vans in the Phoenix area five months ago, but only 1,000 people are currently allowed to use it.

Besides being on the leading edge of bringing robotic vehicles to market, Waymo also is backed by more money than Uber and Lyft have combined. Waymo is owned by Google's parent company, Alphabet Inc., which is sitting on $113 billion in cash.

In its IPO document, Uber listed Waymo as a potential threat along with Tesla, General Motors' Cruise Automation and Apple. Lyft also cited Waymo and Apple among the companies that could undercut its position as the second largest ride-hailing service.

But most experts believe it will still be many more years before self-driving car technology reaches the point that it can support a large fleet of robotaxis.

## States bring price fixing suit against generic drug makers

**BOSTON** (AP)—Attorneys general from more than 40 states are alleging the nation's largest generic drug manufacturers conspired to artificially inflate and manipulate prices for more than 100 different generic drugs, including treatments for diabetes, cancer, arthritis and other medical conditions.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Connecticut on Friday, also names 15 individual senior executives responsible for sales, marketing and pricing.

Connecticut Attorney General William Tong, a Democrat, said investigators obtained evidence implicating 20 firms.

"We have hard evidence that shows the generic drug industry perpetrated a multibillion dollar fraud on the American people," Tong said. "We have emails, text messages, telephone records and former company insiders that we believe will prove a multi-year conspiracy to fix prices and divide market share for huge numbers of generic drugs."

Tong said the investigation had uncovered a primary reason why the cost of health care—and specifically generic prescription drugs—has been so high in this country.

The surging prices of prescription drugs have drawn the attention of a number of politicians across the political spectrum from President Donald Trump to liberal Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts.

The new court suit was the second that has been filed in the investigation. The first, filed in 2016, named 18 corporate defendants and two individual defendants. Two former drug company executives entered into settlement agreements and are cooperating with the attorneys general in the investigation.

A spokesman for one of the companies named in the suit, Teva Pharmaceuticals USA Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Israeli-based Teva Pharmaceuticals Industries Ltd, said Teva hasn't engaged in any conduct that would lead to civil or criminal liability.

"The allegations in this new complaint, and in the litigation more generally, are just that—allegations," Kelley Dougherty, a Teva vice president, said in a statement Saturday. "The company delivers high-quality medicines to patients around the world and is committed to complying with all applicable laws and regulations in doing so."

Investigators said the drugs covered in the suit account for billions of dollars of sales in the United States.

The suit was filed by 43 states and Puerto Rico with Connecticut taking the lead in the probe.

The suit alleges that for many years these makers of generic drugs had operated under an agreement not to compete with each other and to settle instead for what these companies referred to as a "fair share" of the market to avoid pushing prices down through competition.

But by 2012, the suit says that Teva and the other companies decided to "take this understanding to the next level." It alleges that "Teva and its co-conspirators embarked on one of the most egregious and damaging price-fixing conspiracies in the history of the United States."

The suit says that the companies sought not only to maintain their "fair share" of the generic drug market but also to "significantly raise prices on as many drugs as possible."

# Nation

# Activists give jailed moms a Mother's Day gift: bail

Annette Alvarez, middle, joins other protesters as they gather in front of Maricopa County Attorney Bill Montgomery's office Thursday, May 9, 2019, in Phoenix. AP

**PHOENIX** (AP)—Paz Lopez was set to spend Mother's Day behind bars. The 42-year-old mother of six had been locked up in a Phoenix jail for the past month on forgery and other charges. She couldn't post her $2,050 bail.

But on Thursday night she walked out and into a car waiting to give her a ride home, thanks to a drive to bail out moms so they can spend Mother's Day with their kids. In a tearful video made immediately after her release, Lopez said it was a privilege that she would now get to see her children. She welled up when speaking about the coming birth of her first grandchild.

"There's just no greater feeling than being a mother," Lopez said. "I'm grateful for both of you to help me be able to spend the day with them and be able to see my grandchild be born."

Lopez had her bail covered by Living United for Change in Arizona, or LUCHA, a social and racial justice group. The organization said they were inspired to do this for a second year by an initiative known as "Black Mamas Bail Out," which is posting bail for dozens of mothers of color for the third straight year.

The effort is organized by the National Bail Out collective, a coalition of various grassroots groups, attorneys and activists nationwide. The campaign hopes to bail out more than 100 women in 35 cities in time for Mother's Day. The objective is not just to reunite families but to push for change in the cash bail system.

Critics contend the nation's courts are unfairly punishing poor defendants by setting high bail for low-level crimes that causes them to languish in jail for months, separating them from their jobs and families. In some cases, they remain locked up until their case is dismissed or they take a guilty plea just so they can get out of jail, albeit with a criminal record. There has been a national push to reform bail by advocates who say incarceration should depend on a suspect's risk to public safety, not the ability to pay.

Mary Hooks, co-director of Atlanta-based Southerners On New Ground, came up with the idea in 2016. She joined with Law For Black Lives, a female-led network of lawyers and legal advocates, to bring together a collective of organizations. It's been difficult at times to get sympathy, she said, because people often think someone sitting in jail pre-trial must have done something wrong.

"We're in a political time right now where 'Barbecue Becky' or anyone else can call the police on someone and you can get arrested instantly for barbecuing," Hooks said, referring to the white woman who called police on two black men using a grill in an Oakland, California, park. The men were not arrested. "This notion 'you're in jail because you've done something horrible,' we have to remind ourselves we have a Constitution that says 'innocent until proven guilty.'"

Jaymeshia Jordan, of Oakland, said she would have faced another 10 months in jail if she hadn't been rescued by a bailout two days before last Mother's Day by Oakland advocacy group Essie Justice Group. Jordan, who declined to say what she was arrested for, faced a $450,000 bail. She had no way of paying even a fraction of that on her own or with a bail bondsman.

"I would have just sat in custody till my case was over," Jordan said.

She was in jail for three months. In that time, her 5-year-old son lost his first tooth and learned how to tie his shoes.

Organizations choose who to assist based on referrals from attorneys and other activists. They don't take into account whether a woman is accused of a violent or non-violent crime. According to the collective's organizers, the mothers they help show up at court at "high rates" but the majority of the money they've handed out for bail hasn't been returned.

LUCHA, the Phoenix group, plans to fund as many bail releases as possible with the $9,000 they have raised. Organizers Nicole Hale said they will offer mothers additional support including court date reminders and rides.

"We don't just hand someone a piece of paper and say 'good luck.' They don't have to go through the system alone," Hale said.

Several studies suggest that bail amounts are set sometimes as much as three times higher for people of color, said Shima Baughman, a criminal law professor at the University of Utah College of Law. Even a $200 bail for a misdemeanor crime can be beyond what's in a person's bank account.

# More 'heartbeat' abortion bans advancing in South, Midwest

If a new Mississippi law survives a court challenge, it will be nearly impossible for most pregnant women to get an abortion there.

Or, potentially, in neighboring Louisiana. Or Alabama. Or Georgia.

The Louisiana legislature is halfway toward passing a law—like the ones enacted in Mississippi and Georgia—that will ban abortions after a fetal heartbeat is detected, about six weeks into a pregnancy and before many women know they're pregnant. Alabama is on the cusp of approving an even more restrictive bill.

State governments are on a course to virtually eliminate abortion access in large chunks of the Deep South and Midwest. Ohio and Kentucky also have passed heartbeat laws; Missouri's Republican-controlled legislature is considering one.

Their hope is that a more conservative U.S. Supreme Court will approve, spelling the end of the constitutional right to abortion.

"For pro-life folks, these are huge victories," said Sue Liebel, state director for the Susan B. Anthony List, an anti-abortion advocacy group. "And I think they're indicative of the momentum and excitement and the hope that's happening with changes in the Supreme Court and having such a pro-life president."

For abortion rights supporters, meanwhile, the trend is ominous. Said Diane Derzis, owner of Mississippi's sole abortion clinic, the Jackson Women's Health Organization: "I think it's certainly more dire than it ever has been. They smell blood and that's why they're doing this."

Already, Mississippi mandates a 24-hour wait between an in-person consultation. That means women must make at least two trips to her clinic, often traveling long distances.

Other states have passed similar, incremental laws restricting abortion in recent years, and aside from Mississippi, five states have just one clinic—Kentucky, Missouri, North and South Dakota, and West Virginia. But the latest efforts to bar the procedure represent the largest assault on abortion rights in decades.

Lawmakers sponsoring the bans have made it clear their goal is to spark court challenges in hopes of ultimately overturning the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion.

Those challenges have begun. Derzis' attorneys are scheduled to go before a judge on May 21, seeking to prevent Mississippi's heartbeat law from taking effect July 1.

A judge in Kentucky blocked enforcement of that state's heartbeat ban after the American Civil Liberties Union filed suit on behalf of the clinic in Louisville.

Similar legal action is expected before bans can take effect in Ohio and Georgia, where Republican Gov. Brian Kemp signed the latest heartbeat bill into law Tuesday. Kemp said he welcomed the fight, vowing: "We will not back down."

Georgia's ban doesn't take effect until Jan. 1. But the impact was immediate.

An abortion clinic operated by The Women's Centers in Atlanta began receiving anxious calls from patients soon after Kemp signed the law. Many callers had plans to travel from outside the state for abortions. Georgia's heartbeat ban would have a wider impact because the state has 17 abortion clinics—more than the combined total in the other four Southern states that have passed or are considering bans.

"On a typical day we will see people from North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, South Carolina—all over the region," said Dr. Lisa Haddad, the Atlanta clinic's medical director. "And my thought is we're not going to see those people coming here because they assume it's already illegal in Georgia."

# Man who reported girl missing arrested in her disappearance

**HOUSTON** (AP)—The man who reported last weekend that 4-year-old Maleah Davis had been abducted was arrested near Houston in connection with her disappearance and police said they found her blood in his apartment.

Derion Vence, who had lived with Maleah and her mother, was arrested Saturday without incident at his brother's home in Sugar Land, Texas, about 22 miles (35 kilometers) southwest of Houston, a statement from Houston police said. A court document said he was charged with tampering with a human corpse.

Asked if police believe Vence killed Maleah, Houston police spokesman Kese Smith said: "At this point in time those are the charges we have filed and I can't say any more than that."

After his arrest, bond was set at $999,999 for Vence, according to Harris County Jail records.

Vence, 26, told police last Saturday that men in a pickup truck abducted him, Maleah and his 2-year-old son before freeing him and the boy. But Sugar Land police, who initially interviewed him, said his story kept changing and didn't add up.

Houston police said Saturday that some of his claims were false.

Vence reported that his silver Nissan Altima was taken in the abduction but surveillance video showed that vehicle was used to drop Vence off later at a hospital, where he first reported the abduction, police said.

"His story turned out not to be the case, including the fact that there was that blood evidence in the apartment linked to Maleah," Smith said.

# Asia

# Duterte allies seek to dominate PH midterm polls

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte's name is not on the ballot but Monday's midterm elections are seen as a crucial referendum on his rise to power with a brutal crackdown on illegal drugs, unorthodox style and contentious embrace of China.

Nearly 62 million Filipinos have registered to choose among 43,500 candidates vying for about 18,000 congressional and local posts in one of Asia's most rambunctious democracies.

The most crucial race is for 12 seats in the 24-member Senate, which Duterte wants to fill with allies to bolster his legislative agenda. That includes the return of the death penalty, lowering the age for criminal liability of child offenders and revising the country's 1987 constitution primarily to allow a shift to a federal form of government, a proposal some critics fear may be a cover to remove term limits.

Opposition aspirants consider the Senate the last bastion of checks and balances given the solid dominance of Duterte's loyalists in the lower House of Representatives. Last year, opposition senators moved to block proposed bills they feared would undermine civil liberties.

Duterte's politics and key programs, including his drive against illegal drugs that has left more than 5,200 mostly urban poor suspects dead, have been scrutinized on the campaign trail and defended by close allies running for the Senate, led by his former national police chief Roland dela Rosa, who first enforced the crackdown when the president took office in mid-2016.

Aside from the drug killings, Duterte's gutter language and what nationalists say is a policy of appeasement toward China that may undermine Philippine territorial claims in the South China Sea, have also been hounded by protests and criticism.

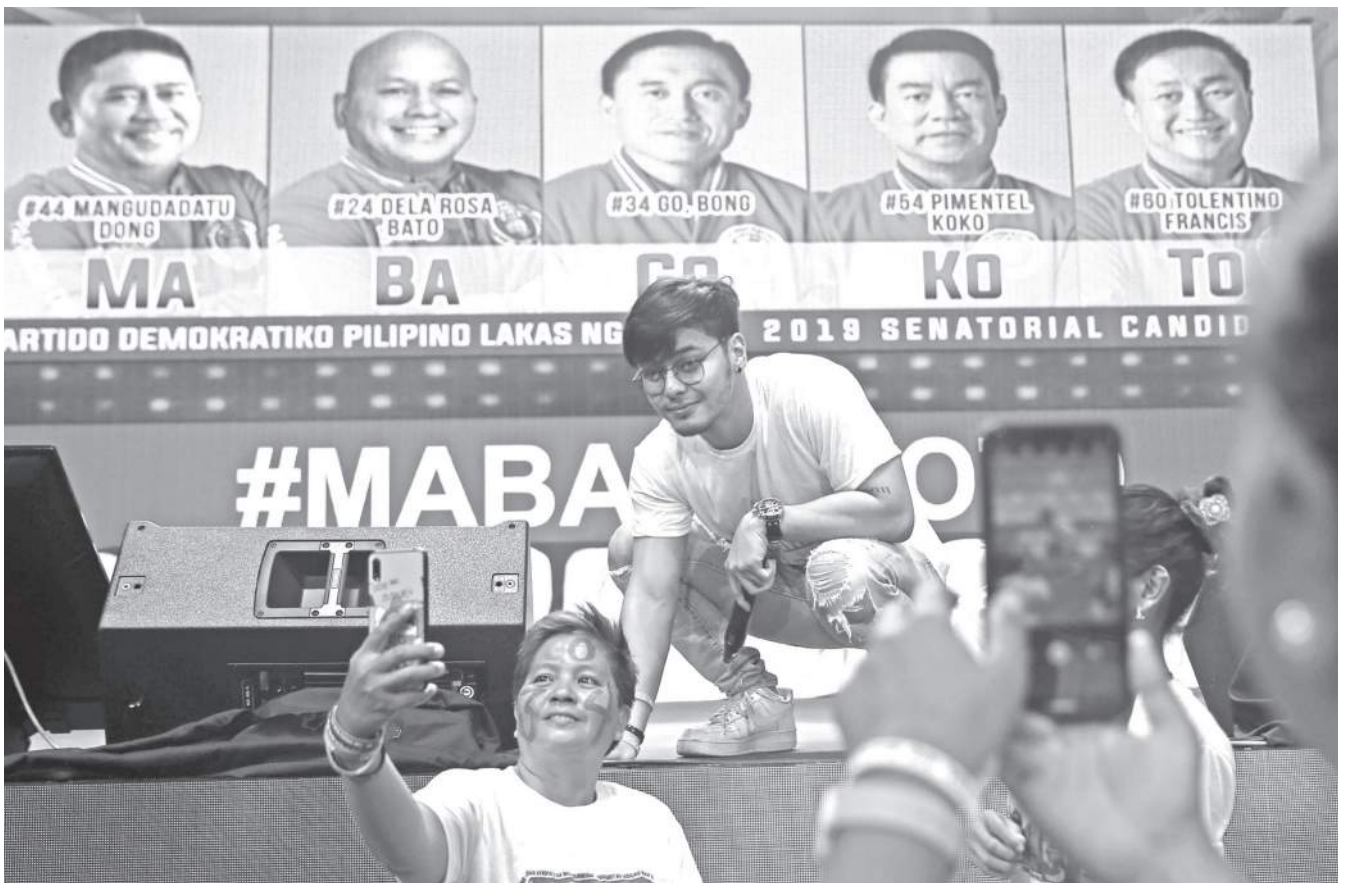
"This is very much a referendum on his three years of very disruptive yet very popular presidency," Manila-based analyst Richard Heydarian said. "Are we going to affirm or are we going to reject the 2016 elections? Was that an aberration and historical accident that we have to fix, or is this actually the beginning of the kind of new era or new normal?"

A May 3-6 survey by independent pollster Pulse Asia showed 11 of Duterte-backed senatorial candidates and four other aspirants in the winning circle, including only one from the opposition. The survey of 1,800 respondents had a margin of error of plus or minus 2.3 percentage points.

Duterte himself remains hugely popular, topping ratings surveys with about 70 percent approval.

While the election survey strongly indicated a favorable outcome for Duterte, there was a probability that the result could still change given the considerable number of undecided voters and narrow leads of some candidates.

Divided, cash-strapped and without a unified leader, opposition aspirants are fighting an uphill battle to capture the few number of Senate seats they need to stymie any hostile legislation. Many Filipinos seem more open to authoritarianism due to past failures of liberal leaders, Heydarian said. Such a mindset has helped the family of former dictator Ferdinand Marcos to make a political comeback.

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In this Saturday, May 11, 2019, photo, Filipino celebrity Christopher Michael poses for a selfie with administration supporters during the last campaign rally by the administration for the May 13 mid-term elections in suburban Pasig city, east of Manila, Philippines.

## ASIAN BRIEFS

### 4 assailants, 1 guard killed in hotel attack in SW Pakistan

**QUETTA, Pakistan** (AP)—Four insurgents armed with rifles and grenades attacked a luxury hotel in the southwestern coastal town of Gwadar on Saturday, triggering an intense, hours-long shootout in which one hotel guard and all the attackers were killed, officials said. In a statement, the military said troops quickly responded to the attack on the Pearl Continental hotel and that all the guests were safely evacuated. The hotel guard was killed as the assailants opened fire with small arms. A Baluch separatist group, the Baluch Liberation Army, claimed responsibility, saying its four fighters were involved. In a statement, the group released pictures of the attackers, who authorities say were killed in the ensuing gun battle. "All four of the terrorists have been killed," said a senior security official. A second security official said troops had taken control of the area after killing the assailants. Both security officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to speak to the media. They said a search was still under way in the area. The hotel is located near the port at Gwadar, which was built by Pakistan with China's help in recent years. Gwadar lies about 700 kilometers (435 miles) southwest of Quetta, the capital of Baluchistan province.

### Afghan official says female journalist shot dead in capital

**KABUL, Afghanistan** (AP)—Unidentified gunmen shot and killed an adviser to the country's parliament in the capital Kabul on Saturday, an Afghan official said. In eastern Ghazni province, at least seven children were killed when a roadside bomb exploded, according to a provincial official. Nasrat Rahimi, a spokesman for the Interior Ministry, said that Mena Mangal, a cultural adviser for the lower house of parliament and former TV presenter, was killed when she was on her way to work around 7:30 a.m. Rahimi said one or more assailants escaped from the scene. Kabul police have launched an investigation. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack. Kabul police said it was not immediately clear whether the killing was a terror act or the result of a personal dispute. Both Islamic State group and Taliban militants regularly carry out attacks in the capital.

### Otto Warmbier's father calls Kim Jong Un 'criminal Kim'

**UNITED NATIONS** (AP)—The father of American college student Otto Warmbier who died soon after being sent home from North Korea in a vegetative state said Friday that Kim Jong Un should be called "criminal Kim"—not "chairman Kim" which "makes me sick." Fred Warmbier told a U.N. symposium promoting international cooperation on abductions that calling the North Korean leader "chairman" gives him status on the world stage, and "if we're afraid to tell the truth of who we're dealing with we don't stand a chance of making a difference." "He's a criminal and he's a murderer," Warmbier said. "Every member of Kim's regime is a thug." He said the truth is that North Korea's leader is telling his people that they have to limit rations to 300 grams per day—the equivalent of five slices of white bread—"at the same time he's begging for food from the (U.N.) World Food Program." Warmbier said the Dutch government in February seized 90,000 bottles of vodka heading to Pyongyang—a violation of U.N. sanctions—at the same time "he is systematically starving the people of North Korea."

## Chaotic scenes at Hong Kong legislature over extradition law

**HONG KONG** (AP)—Hong Kong's legislative assembly descended into chaos Saturday as lawmakers for and against controversial amendments to the territory's extradition law clashed over access to the chamber.

At least one lawmaker was taken from the chamber on a gurney after apparently fainting during the morning melee, in which legislators pushed and shoved each other on the floor, amid seats and tables and in an adjoining hallway.

The amendments have been widely criticized as eroding the semi-autonomous Chinese territory's judicial independence by making it easier to send criminal suspects to mainland China, where they could face vague national security charges and unfair trials.

Under the "one country, two systems" framework, Hong Kong was guaranteed the right to retain its own social, legal and political systems for 50 years following its handover from British to Chinese rule in 1997. However, China's ruling Communist Party has been seen as increasingly reneging on that agreement by forcing through unpopular legal changes.

Legislators in the pro-Beijing camp attempted to seat Abraham Razack, also known as Abraham Shek, who had been named earlier in the week through another committee and a contested interpretation of council rules to replace pro-democrat James To Kun-sun as head of the Bills Committee. To had stalled passage of the legislation over two sessions and Razack was seen as the best chance to push it through before the July recess.

However, pro-democracy legislators continued to claim James To is the legitimate chief of the committee guiding discussion of the proposed new law. Both they and their opponents had scheduled rival meetings on the same topic in the same Legislative Council meeting room on Saturday, starting just 30 minutes apart.

The two rival committees both claimed to be in charge of the same process of scrutinizing the new law before deciding on whether to vote on it.

At one point, Wu Chi-wai, the Democratic Party chairman who tried to stop Shek from presiding over the meeting, shouted at him, saying "Don't be a sinner for a athousand years! Don't sell out Hong Kong."

The legislator removed by paramedics was identified as Gary Fan Kwok-wai of Neo Democrats.

The amendments expand the scope for the transfer of criminal suspects to China and remove the legislature's right to scrutinize individual extradition decisions filed by Hong Kong's chief executive.

They could also open the way for further measures to erode Hong Kong's civil liberties, including the passage of anti-subversion legislation that has been strongly opposed by many.

Saturday's legislative scuffle came weeks after a Hong Kong court handed down prison sentences of up to 16 months to eight leaders of massive 2014 pro-democracy protests on public nuisance charges. The harsh sentences were seen as an effort by the Hong Kong government to draw a line under the protests amid pressure from Beijing.

# World

# Venezuela's Guaidó promises to persevere despite crackdown

**CARACAS, Venezuela** (AP)—Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaidó is looking to jumpstart his movement to oust Nicolas Maduro in the wake of last week's failed military uprising, promising to persevere in the face of a deepening crackdown.

In an interview Friday with The Associated Press, Guaidó reiterated his willingness to consider inviting foreign troops to force Maduro from power, echoing the line from Washington that "all options" are on the table for dealing with Venezuela's rapidly-escalating crisis.

He blamed the socialist leader for blocking all attempts to negotiate a solution and noted: "The biggest obstacle to that is Maduro."

The 35-year-old national assembly president, who the U.S. and some 50 other countries recognize as Venezuela's rightful leader, sat for the interview at his party's headquarters two days after the No. 2 leader in congress was jailed and as several other lawmakers took refuge in foreign embassies. All are facing arrest for joining Guaidó and a small cadre of security forces in a military rebellion April 30 that was the closest the opposition has come in years to overthrowing Maduro.

Yet, Guaidó isn't showing signs of fatigue.

He talks serenely and smiles widely when well-wishers huddle with him in prayer. While the Maduro government hasn't dared arrest him—the U.S. has warned of severe consequences should he be harmed—he said security forces who track his every move could "kidnap" him at any time. Meanwhile, his fellow activist wife and 2-year-old daughter have been living outside Venezuela for months.

"There's a movement made up of a majority that's in the streets and that's not going to change no matter how much they hit us," he said. "The one thing the dictatorship fears most is hope."

But observers note the fresh-faced opposition leader may be running out of options. Phil Gunson, a senior analyst with the Crisis Group in Caracas, said that after the failed military rebellion, it seems unlikely that the U.S. will carry through on threats of military action.

Venezuela's opposition leader and self-proclaimed interim president Juan Guaidó holds up his right fist symbolizing solidarity during a rally in Caracas, Venezuela, Saturday, May 11, 2019. AP

"He's in a bind," Gunson said. "If the repression is going to continue at this level, it's going to be difficult to keep up his campaign of mass mobilization because people are going to be too scared to go out on the streets."

In the current stalemate, Gunson said negotiations are the opposition's best exit strategy. But demands that Maduro step aside as a precondition for talks are no longer a real possibility.

"They already played their best hand," he said, referring to the opposition.

Nonetheless, Guaidó said winning over the military is possible and requires greater outreach so that troops understand they won't be targeted if they flip. He said most top commanders and their troops already despise Maduro and are only feigning loyalty to him because they are under constant surveillance by Cuban and Venezuelan secret police.

"What keeps Maduro in power, and we've witnessed more openly in recent hours, is terror," Guaidó said.

Guaidó, a previously unknown lawmaker, revived the flagging opposition movement when he declared himself interim president in January, accusing Maduro of breaking the constitutional order when he claimed victory in elections widely seen as lacking legitimacy after several opponents were barred from running.

His humble roots and unpretentious speech have endeared him to struggling Venezuelans and managed to keep together an unruly opposition coalition frequently torn apart by battling egos and strategic differences.

But old fractures are re-emerging as some blame prominent activist Leopoldo Lopez, who fled house arrest to stand alongside Guaidó in the uprising, for overplaying his hand. After the putsch failed, Maduro ordered Lopez's arrest and the former Caracas area mayor fled to the Spanish ambassador's residence, where he is holed up.

Lopez, who was arrested in 2014, is one of Venezuela's shrewdest political operators who even while in state custody worked behind the scenes to promote Guaido's rise when few Venezuelans had even heard of his name. But he's also been dogged by criticism that he overestimates his own strength and takes ill-advised risks.

When pressed, Guaidó refused to criticize his mentor, noting that this was not the time to focus on personal ambitions.

Guaidó said he is grateful for support from the U.S., which has slapped severe oil sanctions on Venezuela and sent several planeloads of aid to bordering countries as part of a failed opposition plan to open a humanitarian corridor. With delivery of that aid unlikely for now, he said he's willing to donate some of it to the International Committee of the Red Cross, which is working with the Maduro government to distribute supplies.

## WORLD BRIEFS

### Landmark UN plastic waste pact gets approved but not by US

**GENEVA** (AP)—Nearly every country in the world has agreed upon a legally binding framework to reduce the pollution from plastic waste except for the United States, U.N. environmental officials say. An agreement on tracking thousands of types of plastic waste emerged Friday at the end of a two-week meeting of U.N.-backed conventions on plastic waste and toxic, hazardous chemicals. Discarded plastic clutters pristine land, floats in huge masses in oceansand rivers and entangles wildlife, sometimes with deadly results . Rolph Payet of the United Nations Environment Program said the "historic" agreement linked to the 186-country, U.N.-supported Basel Convention means that countries will have to monitor and track the movements of plastic waste outside their borders. The deal affects products used in a broad array of industries, such as health care, technology, aerospace, fashion, food and beverages. "It's sending a very strong political signal to the rest of the world—to the private sector, to the consumer market—that we need to do something," Payet said. "Countries have decided to do something which will translate into real action on the ground."

### 2 French commandos killed freeing hostages in West Africa

**PARIS** (AP)—Two French special forces officers were killed Friday in a military operation in the West African nation of Burkina Faso that freed four people from the United States, France and South Korea who were kidnapped in neighboring Benin, French officials. Four "terrorists" also were killed during the pre-dawn operation in northern Burkina Faso that was carried out to free the two French tourists, French Defense Minister Florence Parly said. It was "an operation of rare difficulty" that grew more complex with the discovery of the American and South Korean hostages being held with the French citizens, Parly said. Despite careful planning and American and Burkina support, "no one had any knowledge" of the presence of an American and a South Korean, she said at a news conference. Contacts with the United States and South Korea "show that these countries were probably not aware of the presence of their two nationals on Burkina Faso territory," she added. Parly said the four freed hostages were in a "safe place."

# Cuba launches widespread rationing in face of crisis

**HAVANA** (AP)—The Cuban government announced Friday that it is launching widespread rationing of chicken, eggs, rice, beans, soap and other basic products in the face of a grave economic crisis.

Commerce Minister Betsy Díaz Velázquez told the state-run Cuban News Agency that various forms of rationing would be employed in order to deal with shortages of staple foods. She blamed the hardening of the U.S. trade embargo by the Trump administration. Economists give equal or greater blame to a plunge in aid from Venezuela, where the collapse of the state-run oil company has led to a nearly two-thirds cut in shipments of subsidized fuel that Cuba used for power and to earn hard currency on the open market.

"We're calling for calm," Díaz said, adding that Cubans should feel reassured that at least cooking oil would be in ample supply. "It's not a product that will be absent from the market in any way."

Cuba imports roughly two thirds of its food at an annual cost of more than $2 billion and brief shortages of individual products have been common for years. In recent months, a growing number of products have started to go missing for days or weeks at a time, and long lines have sprung up within minutes of the appearance of scarce products like chicken or flour. Many shoppers find themselves still standing in line when the products run out, a problem the government has been blaming on "hoarders."

"The country's going through a tough moment. This is the right response. Without this, there'll be hoarders. I just got out of work and I was able to buy hot dogs," said Lazara García, a 56-year-old tobacco-factory worker.

At the Havana shopping center where García bought her hot dogs, cashiers received orders Friday morning to limit powdered milk to four packets per person, sausages to four packs per person and peas to five packets per person.

Manuel Ordoñez, 43, who identified himself as a small business owner, said the new measures would do nothing to resolve Cuban's fundamental problems.

"What the country needs to do is produce. Sufficient merchandise is what will lead to shorter lines," he said.

Limited rationing of certain products has already begun in many parts of the country, with stores limiting the number of items like bottles of cooking oil that a single shopper can purchase. The policy announced by Díaz appears to go further and apply the same standards across the country of 11 million people.

# Focus

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Randy Richards, a 65-year-old farmer near Hope, N.D., poses for a photo Friday, May 10, 2019, at the request of The Associated Press, says the tariff war of the past year and a half has hit hard, and he was angry that more may be coming. Richards says he farms more than 6,000 acres of wheat, barley, soybeans, pinto beans and corn, and says tariffs have driven up the cost of the raw products he needs to run and supply his business and driven down the prices of what he has to sell.

# Trump's tariffs on China: What are they? How do they work?

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—President Donald Trump has heightened tensions with China by escalating his tariffs on $200 billion in Chinese goods from 10% to 25%.

As a tool of national policy, tariffs had long been fading into history, a relic of the 19th and early 20th centuries that most experts came to see as harmful to all nations involved. Yet more than any other modern president, Trump has embraced tariffs as a punitive tool—against Europe, Canada and other key trading partners but especially against China , the second-largest economy after the U.S.

The Trump administration asserts, and many independent analysts agree, that Beijing has deployed predatory tactics to try to give Chinese companies an edge in such advanced technologies as artificial intelligence, robotics and electric vehicles. Beijing's tactics, the U.S. contends, include hacking into U.S. companies' computers to steal trade secrets, forcing foreign companies to turn over sensitive technology in exchange for access to China's markets and unfairly subsidizing Chinese companies.

Trump has also complained angrily about America's gaping trade deficit with China for which he blames weak and naive negotiating by previous U.S. administrations.

Last July, Trump began gradually imposing tariffs on Chinese imports. After Friday's increase, the administration is now imposing 25% tariffs on $250 billion in Chinese goods. Beijing has counterpunched by taxing $110 billion of American products, focusing on agricultural goods, notably soybeans, in a calculated effort to inflict pain on Trump supporters in the farm belt.

A look at what tariffs are and how they work:

## WHAT EXACTLY ARE TARIFFS?

Tariffs are a tax on imports. They are typically charged as a percentage of the transaction price that a buyer pays a foreign seller. To use a simplistic example (ignoring real-world minimum amounts subject to tariffs): Say an American retailer buys 100 garden umbrellas from China for $5 apiece—$500 total. And suppose the U.S. tariff rate for the umbrellas is 6.5 percent. The retailer would have to pay a $32.50 tariff on the shipment, thereby raising the total price from $500 to $532.50.

In the United States, tariffs—sometimes also called duties or levies—are collected by Customs and Border Protection agents at 328 ports of entry across the country. Proceeds go to the Treasury. The tariff rates are published by the U.S. International Trade Commission in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule, which lists U.S. tariffs on everything from dried plantains (1.4 percent) to parachutes (3 percent).

Sometimes, the U.S. will impose additional tariffs on imports that it determines are being sold at unfairly low prices or are being supported by foreign government subsidies.

## WHAT ARE TARIFFS SUPPOSED TO ACHIEVE?

Two things: Increase government revenue. And protect domestic industries from foreign competition. Before the federal income tax was established in 1913, tariffs were a big money raiser for Washington. From 1790 to 1860, tariffs produced 90 percent of federal revenue, according to Douglas Irwin, an economist at Dartmouth College. By contrast, tariffs in recent years have accounted for only about 1 percent of federal revenue.

Tariffs are meant to raise the price of imports or punish foreign countries for unfair trade practices, like subsidizing their exporters and dumping their goods at unfairly low prices. They discourage imports by making them costlier. They also reduce pressure from foreign competition and make it easier for home-grown companies to raise prices.

As global trade grew after World War II, tariffs fell out of favor. The formation of the World Trade Organization and the forging of trade deals like the North American Free Trade Agreement reduced or eliminated tariffs. The average U.S. tariff is now one of the lowest in the world: 1.6 percent, the same as the European Union's, the Pew Research Center reports.

## ARE TARIFFS A WISE POLICY?

Most economists say no. Tariffs raise the cost of imports for people and companies that need to buy them. And by reducing competitive pressure, they give U.S. producers leeway to raise prices, too. That's good for those producers but bad for almost everyone else.

Rising costs especially hurt consumers and companies that rely on imported parts. Some U.S. companies that buy steel, for example, complain that Trump's tariffs on imported steel leave them at a competitive disadvantage. Their foreign rivals can buy steel more cheaply and offer lower-priced goods.

In 2002, President George W. Bush's administration placed tariffs on imported steel. A study financed by steel-consuming businesses found that the tariffs cost 200,000 American jobs that year.

More broadly, trade restrictions make an economy less efficient. With lesser competition from abroad, domestic companies lose the incentive to increase efficiency or to focus on what they do best.

# Health & Wellness

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# 10 BOOT CAMP AFTER 60 steps to turn around unhealthy habits

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It takes moxie to flip an unhealthy lifestyle to a healthy one—particularly for folks 60 and older.

Most baby boomers approach retirement age unwilling to follow basic healthy lifestyle goals established by the American Heart Association,

said Dr. Dana King, professor and chairman of the department of family medicine at West Virginia University, referencing his university's 2017 study comparing the healthy lifestyle rates of retired late-middle-aged adults with rates among those still working.

Kaiser Health News interviewed three other prominent experts on aging and health about how seniors can find the will to adopt healthier habits.

"People do financial planning for retirement, but what about retirement health planning?" King said.

Motivated seniors can begin by following KHN's 10-step program:

**1 Buy great sneakers.** Purchase a pair of top-quality sneakers specifically designed for walking, said Carolyn Rosenblatt, founder of AgingParents.com, who started participating in triathlons at age 63 and continues to do them at age 70. Start by walking around the block. Expand that to 30-minute walks at least three times weekly—or set a goal to increase your walking distance 10 percent each week. And leave your sneakers by the front door.

**2 Practice your balance.** The best way to avoid falls is to retain a good sense of balance, said Rosenblatt. Practice standing on one leg with your eyes closed for at least 30 seconds.

**3 Improve your breakfast.** Stop eating the sweet roll with coffee. Consider substituting a home-blended smoothie with a banana, seasonal fruits, almond milk and protein powder or a protein patty without sugar. And cut out excess sugar in all your meals, said Rosenblatt. Replace soda with seltzer water.

**4 De-stress wisely.** Find ways to manage your stress that don't involve food, alcohol or smoking. There are lots of meditation programs you can download on your phone and listen to for even 10 minutes, said Rosenblatt.

**5 Practice resistance training.** To keep your muscle mass from disappearing, do resistance training by lifting dumbbells or barbells or using weight machines, said Kay Van Norman, owner of Brilliant Aging, a consulting firm for healthier aging. "Your muscles are amazing, but if you don't use them, you lose them," she said.

**6 Hit the floor.** Aging adults need to regularly practice getting down on the floor and standing back up again. "If you don't get down on the floor and back up, you won't be able to do it after a while," said Van Norman.

**7 Challenge your speed.** While it might not seem as if folks over 60 need to worry about exercise that involves speed and intensity, they do, said Van Norman. "Most people don't even think about speed in order to stay healthy. But tennis players are doing that all the time. You need to do something to challenge your speed, not just your power." That's why sports like tennis can be terrific as you age, she said.

**8 Believe in yourself.** Faced with self-doubt and depression after several tragic, challenging events, Sharon Sultan Cutler, 71, turned to therapy to help her feel better about herself. "The first person you have to believe in is yourself," said Sultan Cutler, an author. "People like to be around other people who believe in themselves."

**9 Tackle a project.** Pick a project that has meaning to you. Sultan Cutler opted to co-author (with two other writers) her first book, "Bandstand Diaries: The Philadelphia Years, 1956-1963," an inside look at her once favorite TV show, Dick Clark's "American Bandstand." Never mind that she'd never written a book before. Now she's on her third book, "Your New You After 65: Valuable Advice to Inspire Your Awesome Aging." "It's like having a daydream that you can actually make happen," she said.

**10 Embrace self-improvement.** Some call this lifelong learning. Living a healthier lifestyle requires constant learning and self-improvement, said Sultan Cutler. Seek out local learning resources like community colleges, where classes are often steeply discounted for seniors, she said. "Self-improvement isn't just physical. It's mental, too."

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# Every bite you take matters

Every day dieters are bombarded by flashing alerts and wheedling pleas from command centers in brain and stomach.

You know you shouldn't indulge too much in calorie-laden holiday delicacies that instantly inflate the waistline. But then there's that urgent signal that you must try that chocolate-clad peppermint-sprinkled graham cookie. Just a nibble. Come on. Or that velvety key lime pie. Or that hipster delicacy, fresh homemade buttermilk biscuits with your favorite cholesterol-rich toppings, such as ginger sage sausage and cheddar cheese.

Result: A nation of dieters, desperate to lose the last 10 or the first 50, seeks fresh ways to cheat the unforgiving math of calories.

Enter "intuitive eating." The theory here is that your body knows what it is doing when it urges you to indulge. Instead of dieting, just heed the body's signals, such as feelings of hunger, and of course, fullness. Eat when you're hungry. Stop when you're full. Simple.

Researchers tested that theory in a recently published study that pitted calorie-counters against intuitive eaters. The results were, well, intuitive. Those who counted calories lost more weight than those who listened to their bodies. Almost all, however, eventually gained most of the weight back and some of the intuitive eaters ended the six-week study weighing more than when they started, Judith Anglin, associate professor of nutrition at Texas Southern University, tells us.

Conclusion: Argh.

In another study, scientists tested a variation on the theme: Instead of monitoring calories, just limit your bites.

Brigham Young University health sciences associate professor Josh West recruited 61 overweight or obese men to test the bite theory. Not surprisingly 16 dropped out in the first week. Who wants to keep a running tally of every bite? Or be tempted to wolf down a burger in three bites just to keep the daily tally low?

What a perfect way to ruin a meal.

Upshot: Intuitive eaters "do improve their psychological well-being and have less body dissatisfaction, but they don't necessarily lose weight," Dr. Lisa Neff, assistant professor of endocrinology at Northwestern University Feinberg Medical School, tells us.

Researchers have tried for years to unravel the intricate biology of obesity. What we know is that the communication between stomach and brain is complex, filled with hormones such as leptin and ghrelin that regulate hunger and satiety, that control cravings and contribute mightily to weight gain or loss.

Scientists have discovered that fat itself sends out chemical messages to the brain, stomach and other tissues. They've tried to feather out the exact roles of all these chemicals crisscrossing brain and body in hopes of short-circuiting the ones that lead people to overeat into obesity.

One recent breakthrough: Scientists discovered how a gene switches on or off the production of so-called "brown fat," which may explain why some people can eat more and still stay trim. Brown fat doesn't store calories like the more common white fat but instead burns excess calories and releases that energy as heat. Leaner people have more brown fat than do heavier people.

Still, what we know about dieting is what we knew: Calories matter. What you eat matters. How much you exercise matters.

Listening to your body is fine, as long as you really listen. There's no antidote to eating when you're full—come on, admit it, we all do—or gorging for entertainment. Or as a form of therapy.

Fewer bites? Sure. But that won't help if every one of them is chocolate cheesecake. ***(Chicago Tribune/TNS)***

# Life & Style

## Spears appears in cleared court to speak on her legal status

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—After hearing Britney Spears and her parents speak in a rare and secretive joint court appearance Friday, a judge ordered an expert evaluation in the conservatorship that for 11 years has put control of much of the 37-year-old singer's life in the control of her father.

Only the few left inside know what the three said in the courtroom that was closed to public and media shortly after the hearing began. But Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Brenda Penny wrote in an order afterward that all had agreed on a so-called 730 expert evaluation, a process usually used to determine the mental health and competence of a parent in a divorce case.

It is not made clear who would be examined, and whether it would relate to Spears' relationship to her two sons or her parents' oversight of her.

Spears' ex-husband Kevin Federline has custody of their boys, 13-year-old Sean and 12-year-old Jayden, who have frequent visits with their mother.

Spears' personal attorney Samuel D. Ingham rose at the start of the hearing as many reporters and a handful of fans sat in the audience to say that Spears had requested the proceedings so she could speak to the court, and asked that the room be cleared because personal finances and her minor children would be discussed.

Penny agreed, and Spears and her parents were sneaked in through side doors when the court was empty. They left the same way, and when the courtroom was reopened the hearing was over.

Spears

For years, Spears has been publicly silent about the severe restrictions on her decisions put in place by the conservatorship established in 2008, when she was having serious personal and psychiatric struggles, many of which played out in public.

Conservatorship, known in many states as guardianship, is an involuntary status usually reserved for very elderly or very ill people who are suffering from dementia or otherwise incapacitated and unable to make decisions for themselves.

Rarely is it used for people as functional as Spears, who despite further problems—she has said in interviews that she struggles with bipolar disorder—has seen her career continue to thrive.

That has brought speculation that at some point she would ask a judge to end her special status.

Outside the courthouse, about 20 Spears fans protested with signs that read "Free Britney" and "End the conservatorship now."

The appearance of Spears' 66-year-old father Jamie Spears was something of a surprise because he had been in such ill health in recent months that his daughter put her career on hold, delaying the start of a Las Vegas residency, so she could be with him.

Spears mother, Lynne Spears, who is divorced from Jamie Spears, has had no role in the conservatorship, but this week got special permission from Penny to be part of Friday's hearing.

## Rihanna to launch groundbreaking new fashion label with luxury firm

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Rihanna certified her status as a cultural fashion icon with her groundbreaking new deal with LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton, the world's largest luxury group.


Rihanna

The pop star, born Robyn Rihanna Fenty, announced Friday that she will debut a line called Fenty this spring through LVMH. Her luxury house will be based in Paris.

The 31-year-old singer becomes the first person since 1987 to launch a new house with LVMH (the last person was Christian LaCroix). Rihanna is also reportedly the first woman to create an original brand at LVMH and the first woman of color at the top of an LVMH maison.

"Designing a line like this with LVMH is an incredibly special moment for us," Rihanna said in a statement. She added that Bernard Arnault, the chairman and CEO of LVMH, "has given me a unique opportunity to develop a fashion house in the luxury sector, with no artistic limits. I couldn't imagine a better partner both creatively and business-wise, and I'm ready for the world to see what we have built together."

LVMH's leather and goods division includes Louis Vuitton, Christian Dior Couture, Celine, Kenzo, Givenchy, Fendi, Marc Jacobs and more, while its wine and spirts includes Moët & Chandon and Dom Pérignon. The company has also backed Rihanna's ultra-successful cosmetics brand, Fenty Beauty.

Arnault said "everybody knows Rihanna as a wonderful singer, but through our partnership at Fenty Beauty, I discovered a true entrepreneur, a real CEO and a terrific leader."

"She naturally finds her full place within LVMH," he continued. "I am proud that LVMH is leading this venture and wish it will be a great success."

## Simon Armitage named the UK poet laureate

**LONDON** (AP)—Simon Armitage has been named the U.K.'s new Poet Laureate, succeeding Carol Ann Duffy in the 10-year post.

Armitage

Queen Elizabeth II has approved the appointment, Britain's highest literary honor. It dates back to the 17th century, and previous laureates have included John Dryden, William Wordsworth and Ted Hughes.

It is up to the poet to decide whether or not to produce poetry for national and royal occasions.

Armitage, a professor of poetry at the University of Leeds, has published 28 collections of poetry and his work is studied by British schoolchildren as part of the national curriculum. He said he hoped to "help poetry explore its potential" in a multimedia age.

Culture Secretary Jeremy Wright praised Armitage for his "witty and profound take on modern life."


IN LOVING MEMORY

† SAM JUNIOR MAFNAS BABAUTA

MARCH 06, 1986 – MAY 06, 2019

"Sammy"

**In his new life, he now joins his:**
**Paternal Grandparents:** †Felix Lizama Babauta and †Juana Camacho Babauta
**Maternal Grandparents:** †Rafael Camacho Mafanas
**Aunts/Uncles:** †Susana A. Santos, †Remedio M. Moore, †Joaquin C. Mafnas, †Delfina C. Babauta, †Jose C. Babauta, †Juan C. Babauta

**His memories will forever live in the hears of his:**
**Parents:** Serafin Camacho Babauta (Sam) and Juanita Mafnas Babauta
**Maternal Grandmother:** Tomasa Cing Mafnas
**Child:** Kamron Zane Pangelinan
**Brothers & Sisters:** **Derrick** M. Babauta/Reinalynn Attao (Derrick Vaughn, Risha Joan, Isabella Marie, Drake Roque, Reniah Roze, Renesmee Gia)
**Kevin** Barry M. Babauta
**Rachel Joy** M. Babauta/Timothy Rabago
**Step Grandmother:** Araceli A. Babauta
**Aunts & Uncles:** Susana C. Babauta & children
Melvia/Ben Concepcion & children
Lucy/Diego Mafnas & children
†Jose/Mavy Babauta & children
Rebecca/Ramon Dela Cruz & children
Barbara/Joe Santos & children
Michelle A. Babauta & children
Doreen A. Babauta
Kenneth A. Babauta

Jose O. Camacho/Maria S. Camacho & children
Ramon C. Mafnas & children
Jose C. Mafnas/Lolita C. Mafnas & children
Bernadita M. Marquez/James Marquez
Antonio C. Mafnas/Marissa Mafnas & children
Diego C. Mafnas/Lucia B. Mafnas & children
†Joaquin C. Mafnas/Kiyomi F. Mafnas & children
Rafael C. Mafnas/Sachiko N. Mafnas & children

Sammy will also be missed by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

On Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 7:30am, his remains will be escorted from Borja Funeral Homes to Santa Soledad Church in Kagman. Responso service and Holy Rosary will take place upon arrival, followed immediately by viewing and last respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00am, followed by the interment services at Tanapag Cemetery.

Your thoughts, prayers and words of comfort and presence are sincerely appreciated.

*Sam, Doll, Children and Family*

# 'Game of Thrones' is a family affair for Priyanka Chopra

By JOHN CARUCCI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Priyanka Chopra finds watching "Game of Thrones" a family affair.

Not just because of the huge gatherings she often joins to watch each episode, but because her sister-in-law, Sophie Turner, is "so amazing."

"I'm married to a 'Game of Thrones' family, I guess," Chopra said.

Turner, who recently married Joe Jonas, plays Sansa Stark on the HBO series.

"The last episode, I wasn't in town, but I think everyone else in the family got together, like 50 people, and watched the episode. My husband is a huge, huge fan," Chopra said during an interview while promoting a new campaign to celebrate diversity.

Chopra, who has lobbied for more inclusion in the entertainment industry, recently partnered with global skin care brand Obagi as an ambassador for the Skinclusion initiative.

Chopra

The heart of its mission centers on creating dialogue for inclusion and raising awareness of unconscious bias. That's something Chopra saw first-hand as a young girl growing up in India as the daughter of two physicians.

While she grew up comfortably, her parents would provide medical care in smaller, impoverished villages. That provided a glimpse into a different way of life.

She recalls not understanding the different set of rules for girls from lower socio-economic backgrounds, and how that treatment was normalized.

"I've been told that I can have whatever job I want and be successful at it if I have an aptitude. Whereas these girls were being told that your life has been decided for you," Chopra said.

When Chopra came to the United States, she was a victim of bigotry, and that had an impact on her. In high school, she "was called Brownie, Curry, go back on the elephant you came on, and that really affected me when I was a kid. It affected my self-esteem," Chopra said.

But instead of withering, the actress and former Miss World said she was not going to be a victim, and she was going to make sure others didn't feel that way either.

Chopra dreams of a better world when she's ready to start a family with her husband, Nick Jonas.

"I do want to create a world for my future kids where they don't have to think about diversity, where they're not talking about it because it's normal," Chopra said.

While Chopra can't wait to find out what happens in the final episodes of "Game of Thrones," it's bittersweet for her.

"I'm so sad it's over, though. The world will mourn," she said with a smile.

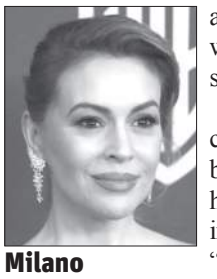
# Alyssa Milano calls for sex strike, ignites social media

Actress Alyssa Milano ignited social media with a tweet Friday night calling for women to join her in a sex strike to protest strict abortion bans passed by Republican-controlled legislatures.

The former star of "Charmed" and current cast member of "Insatiable," which is filmed in Georgia, urged women in her tweet to stop having sex "until we get bodily autonomy back." Her tweet came days after Georgia became the fourth state in the U.S. this year to ban abortions once a fetal heartbeat is detected, which can be as early as six weeks, before many women know they are pregnant.

"We need to understand how dire the situation is across the country," Milano told The Associated Press on Saturday. "It's reminding people that we have control over our own bodies and how we use them."

She noted that women have historically withheld sex to protest or advocate for political reform. She cited how Iroquois women refused to have sex in the 1600s as a way to stop unregulated warfare.


Milano

Most recently, she noted that Liberian women used a sex strike in 2003 to demand an end to a long-running civil war.

Milano received support from fans and fellow actress Bette Midler joined her in also calling for a sex strike with her own tweet. But both liberals and conservatives also lampooned her idea, with conservatives praising her for promoting abstinence and liberals saying she was pushing a false narrative that women only have sex as a favor to men.

Milano said the criticism didn't bother her and that her tweet was having her desired effect, "which is getting people to talk about the war on women."

She said she fears one of the laws could eventually be decided by the conservative-leaning U.S. Supreme Court, which Republicans hope will overturn the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion.

"That is absolutely horrifying to me," Milano said. "Anyone who is not completely and totally outraged by this and doesn't see where this is leading, I think is not taking this threat seriously."

Milano said people have to determine for themselves how long the sex strike should last. For her part, she hasn't decided yet how long she will forgo sex.

"I mean I don't know," she said. "I sent a tweet last night I haven't really thought much past that this morning." ***(AP)***

# For Rebel Wilson, it was a fight to keep 'The Hustle' PG-13

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Rebel Wilson had to fight to make sure she and Anne Hathaway could make the same kind of risque jokes their male counterparts do and not have their new film "The Hustle" get classified as R-rated.

Wilson, who is a producer and stars in the "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" remake, fought back last year when the film received an R-rating. The rating was appealed, and "The Hustle" arrives in theaters Friday as a PG-13 release.

"I felt like it was so unfair to force cuts of jokes from coming out of our two mouths when much ruder content was in male-driven PG-13 films," Wilson told The Associated Press. "When I put my arguments forth, analyzing other male-driven films like 'Anchorman' or last year's 'Jumanji' you can see that you know what's in our film is probably less than what's in some of those male-driven comedies."

Hathaway agreed, saying the entire culture of a film is more important than just casting actresses in starring roles.

"It's not enough to just put two women in the in the lead of the film. Then the culture that surrounds those two women told us, 'Oh you can't be funny in that way,'" Hathaway said. "Even though there was a norm established ... in the world saying when men say these sort of things it's appropriate for teenagers. But when women say these sort of things, no that's unexpected that's too, that's too new. That's too different."

AP
This April 28, 2019 photo shows Anne Hathaway, left, and Rebel Wilson posing for a portrait in New York to promote their film, "The Hustle."

Wilson said the film is more than just a gender-flipped remake of the 1988 comedy starring Michael Caine and Steve Martin. It gave her and Hathaway a chance to tackle contemporary issues facing women.

"The idea just seems really justified right now ... with the Me Too movement. This wasn't just a case of, 'Oh let's just gender flip 'Dirty Rotten Scoundrels,'" Wilson said. "This was a case of, well oh yeah, it really does make sense that now women can get back at dirty rotten men who have been conning them for years."

Despite tackling systemic issues women face, both Hathaway and Wilson say "The Hustle" remains a broad comedy.

"I'm so happy right now to put something light out into the world, to put something out there that you can just laugh," Hathaway said. "Grab your favorite people and go and just get that warm feel good feeling."

"Sometimes ... movies have more serious messages and this definitely has a few subtle, you know, female empowerment messages, but not so subtle, I guess."

"But it's all within like the world of fun," Hathaway added.

# Orchestra finds child who charmed crowd with exclamation

**BOSTON** (AP)—A performing arts group has found the child who was literally wowed by a recent classical music concert.

The Handel & Haydn Society had just finished a rendition of Mozart's "Masonic Funeral" at Boston's Symphony Hall on Sunday when a youngster blurted out: "WOW!"

The group was so charmed that they launched a search for the "Wow Child" with the help of audio of the moment captured by WCRB-FM. The child is 9-year-old Ronan Mattin, of New Hampshire, WGBH-FM reported Thursday. He attended the concert with his grandfather Stephen.

Ronan's grandmother had seen a report on TV that said the society was looking for the child.

Stephen Mattin said Ronan is on the autism spectrum and expresses himself differently from how other people do. He said his grandson is a huge music fan.

"I had told several people because I thought it was a funny story," Stephen Mattin said. "About how he was expressing his admiration for the performance and put everybody in stitches."

Handel & Haydn President David Snead said he is setting up a Skype meeting with Ronan and Harry Christophers, the society's artistic director who was conducting the night of the performance. The society will invite Ronan and his family back to the venue in October, when the 2019-2020 season opens, for another Mozart performance conducted by Christophers.

Snead called Sunday's experience one of the most wonderful moments he has ever had in a concert hall.

## SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

### James Cameron salutes 'Endgame' for sinking 'Titanic' record

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Filmmaker James Cameron has no bad blood with the Avengers, even though "Endgame" has eclipsed "Titanic's" worldwide record and bumped the 1997 blockbuster to third place. Cameron tweeted a note Wednesday to Marvel president Kevin Feige and its employees congratulating the company for its success. Cameron writes that an iceberg sank the real Titanic, but it took the Avengers to sink his "Titanic." The accompanying image shows the Titanic crashing into a massive Avengers logo. The studio, he says, has shown that the movie industry is alive and well and bigger than ever. But "Avengers: Endgame" still has another Cameron film to conquer to get to the top. "Avatar" remains the highest-grossing film of all time with $2.8 billion worldwide, not accounting for inflation. "Avengers: Endgame" has earned $2.3 billion.

### Dennis Rodman accused of stealing from yoga studio

**NEWPORT BEACH, Calif.** (AP)—The owner of a Southern California yoga studio is accusing Dennis Rodman of helping three people steal more than $3,500 in merchandise from his business. Ali Shah says security cameras captured the former NBA star walking into Vibes Hot Yoga in Newport Beach on Tuesday with his alleged accomplices. Shah said the four worked together to distract an employee so they could steal clothes and a 400-pound (181-kilogram) amethyst crystal from the front desk. Shah said Rodman returned Wednesday and tried to distract a different employee while a female companion grabbed clothes that were on display. Police told the Los Angeles Times they were investigating the matter and no one has been arrested. Rodman told TMZ that the studio's owner offered him the clothes as gifts in exchange for moving the crystal.

### Michael Jackson's eldest child Prince is a college graduate

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Michael Jackson's eldest child Prince is a college graduate. Twenty-two-year-old Prince Jackson—whose real name is Michael Joseph Jackson Jr.—went through commencement ceremonies Saturday at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Prince Jackson graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration. The day was celebrated in social media posts from the graduate and relatives in his famous family. T.J. Jackson, the cousin who served as Prince's guardian after his father died, tweeted, "it's been a long road but you did it. Keep learning, keep growing and keep giving back!" Prince Jackson was 12 when his father died nearly 10 years ago. Michael Jackson has two other children, 21-year-old Paris and 17-year-old Prince Michael Jackson, known by the nickname Blanket.

Jackson

### Ban it like Beckham: Phone costs soccer star right to drive

**LONDON** (AP)—David Beckham has been banned from driving for six months for using a mobile phone while behind the wheel of his Bentley. A prosecutor said a member of the public spotted the former Manchester United and England soccer star holding a phone while driving through central London on Nov. 21. Beckham's lawyer, Gerrard Tyrrell, said his client had "no recollection" of the incident but pleaded guilty. Beckham already had six penalty points on his drivers' license for speeding offenses. The six more District Judge Catherine Moore gave him Thursday for the cellphone put him at the 12 points needed to lose driving privileges. Beckham attended the hearing at Bromley Magistrates Court wearing a dark grey suit and tie. He spoke to give his name, date of birth and address.

### Guns N' Roses sues brewery over its 'Guns 'N' Rosé beer

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—The rock band Guns N' Roses is accusing a Colorado brewery of piggybacking off their fame to sell beer and merchandise. The band filed a trademark infringement lawsuit Thursday against Colorado-based Oskar Blues Brewery, which sells Guns 'N' Rosé beer and merchandise and bandannas the group says are associated with singer Axl Rose. The complaint says Oskar Blues applied to trademark Guns 'N' Rosé last year and abandoned the effort after the band objected. The lawsuit says the brewery is still selling the beer and the merchandise. The band wants a court order blocking the brewery from misappropriating its name, destroying the products and turning over profits from Guns 'N' Rosé and other monetary awards. Oskar Blues marketing director Kyle Ingram did not immediately return a telephone message seeking comment.

### He's here! Kim Kardashian West, Kanye West welcome baby boy

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Kim Kardashian West and Kanye West have welcomed their fourth child, a boy born via surrogate. Kardashian West tweeted Friday: "He's here and he's perfect!" A spokeswoman said in an email the baby was born Thursday, weighing in at 6 pounds, 9 ounces. The new baby joins North, Saint and Chicago. Chicago, who's a year and a half, was also born via a gestational carrier. North, the oldest, is five. The new baby is the couple's second son after Saint. Kardashian West later tweeted the new arrival is "Chicago's twin lol I'm sure he will change a lot but now he looks just like her." The birth comes after she disclosed she's studying to be a lawyer through California rules that allow for professional mentorship over law school.

West

### North and South Korean musicians perform together in China

**SHANGHAI** (AP)—A South Korean violinist and a North Korean singer have held a rare joint performance they hope would help bring the divided Koreas closer together via music. Sunday's performance at a Shanghai concert hall came at a time of emerging tensions amid deadlocked nuclear diplomacy. On Thursday, North Korea fired two suspected short-range missiles in the second such weapons test in five days. Violinist Won Hyung Joon and his North Korean soprano partner, Kim Song Mi, met several times last year in Beijing and agreed on a joint performance to help promote peace on the Korean Peninsula. For both, it was their first concert with a musician from the other side of the Korean border, the world's most heavily fortified.

### Mister Rogers' home state plans day of kindness in his honor

**HARRISBURG, Pa.** (AP)—Residents of Fred Rogers' home state of Pennsylvania will be encouraged to exhibit acts of kindness in honor of the beloved PBS children's show host. Gov. Tom Wolf on Friday said the state's website will share stories of good deeds and kind gestures May 23 for "1-4-3 Day," named for Mister Rogers' favorite number. Rogers used the number 143 to say "I love you," as each digit reflects the number of letters in each word in the phrase. May 23 is the 143rd day of the year. The Fred Rogers Trail highlights locations in his hometown of Latrobe and in Pittsburgh, where "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" was produced. The show aired from 1968 to 2001. Rogers, an ordained minister, is buried at Latrobe Presbyterian Church. He died in 2003 at age 74.

### Constance Wu explains unhappy response to her sitcom renewal

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Constance Wu said she was initially unhappy that "Fresh Off the Boat" was renewed for a sixth season because it meant she had to give up another project she was passionate about. In a lengthy statement posted on her Twitter page Saturday, the actress said she loves her ABC sitcom but she was "temporarily upset yesterday" because the other project "would have challenged me as an artist." When ABC announced the renewal Friday, Wu said in a series of tweets that it was not welcome news. On Saturday, she clarified that she loves working on the TV show and that her disappointment had more to do with losing another role. "My words and ill-timing were insensitive to those who are struggling, especially insensitive considering the fact that I used to be in that struggle too," her statement said. Wu stars in "Fresh off the Boat" playing the mother in a Taiwanese-American family in Florida in the 1990s. Wu's star rose considerably in 2018 with her lead role in "Crazy Rich Asians," a major hit that got her a Golden Globe nomination.

### No Archie in top US baby names, but Meghan is rising fast

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Archie doesn't make the Top 10 boys' names in U.S., but don't count it out in the future. Social Security released its annual list of top baby names on Friday. For 2018, Emma and Liam were again the most popular names. It's the second year in a row for Liam, the fifth for Emma. Of course, the United Kingdom's newest royal, Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor, was only born Monday. But Social Security says his mom—Meghan Markle, now Duchess of Sussex—seems to have already influenced U.S. parents. Meghan was the fastest rising girl's name for 2018, moving from number 1,404 in 2017 to 703. The American actress married Britain's Prince Harry last year. The entire list of baby names can be viewed on Social Security's website at www.socialsecurity.gov/babynames/.

# Parents of free-loading boy turn blind eye to son's needs

**DEAR ABBY**: My 15-year-old son has a friend who stayed with us for five months during football and basketball season because he didn't have transportation to early-morning practices. In the beginning it was one night, then it eventually became full weeks, full months and so on.

We treated him like our own, providing food, washing clothes, giving him snack money. But when I asked him to assist with basic house chores, he would laugh and find ways to not help. It would frustrate me but, not knowing him too well, I let it slide.

We have never met his parents, and neither of them reached out to express gratitude for taking care of their kid. They have three other kids, and the pattern seems to be the same—pawn them off on other people.

Thankfully, the athletic season changed, and the boys were in different sports, so we got a break from supporting an extra person in February. My concern is, he is coming around again needing rides to school. I feel it is not my problem. This has led to some heavy discussions with my husband.

I feel the boy's parents or grandparents need to take responsibility for assuring their child makes it to practice, has extra money to purchase snacks and rides to and from school. He sees it differently. How can we let that boy fall through the cracks? Mind you, he wears name-brand clothes, glasses and shoes, yet his parents do not assist him in the most important aspects of his life.

I feel horrible because I don't think it is our job to provide for him, but I try to teach my kids empathy and responsibility. So how do I justify myself? How do I get my husband to see we can't continue to be a crutch for these people? Or am I wrong? Help!

TRYING TO HELP IN THE SOUTH

**DEAR TRYING TO HELP: Your "houseguest" may have name-brand clothes, glasses and shoes, but from your description, he is being severely neglected by his parents. That they would allow him to live with another family whom they haven't met is shocking. That they would expect you to foot the bill for all of his needs while they pretend they don't have a minor child for whom they are responsible is negligence.**

**If he resumes staying with you, INSIST that he stop acting like a guest and assume the same responsibilities you have assigned to your own children! Your husband should back you up on this. Understand that if the boy is unwilling to do that, the example being set for your children is a very poor one.**

**Frankly, I think child protective services should have been notified about what has been going on a long time ago.**

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**DEAR READERS**: This is National Women's Health Week, so I'm offering a "gentle reminder" to make your health a priority. Eat healthy, allow time for exercise, manage your stress levels, get the sleep you need and schedule that appointment to see your doctor or dentist that you've been postponing. Take steps to eliminate behaviors that put you at risk—smoking, texting while driving and not wearing a seatbelt. Your most precious possession is your health, so please take care of it. For more information, visit womenshealth.gov.

Love, ABBY

*What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)*

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**By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
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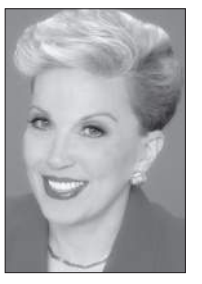

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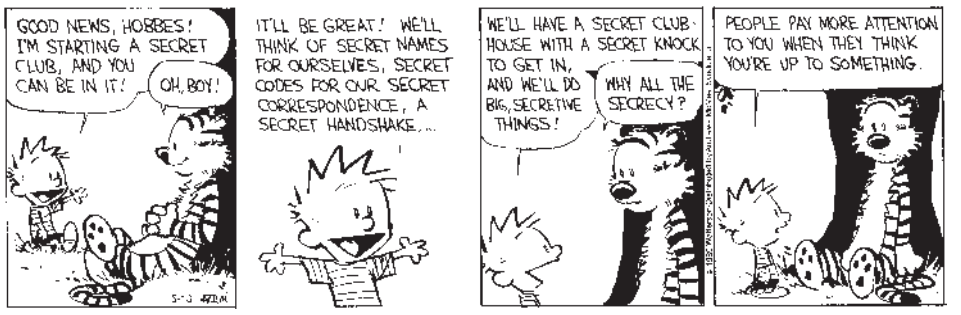
# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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OH, BOY!
IT'LL BE GREAT! WE'LL THINK OF SECRET NAMES FOR OURSELVES, SECRET CODES FOR OUR SECRET CORRESPONDENCE, A SECRET HANDSHAKE...
WE'LL HAVE A SECRET CLUB HOUSE WITH A SECRET KNOCK TO GET IN, AND WE'LL DO BIG, SECRETIVE THINGS!
WHY ALL THE SECRECY?
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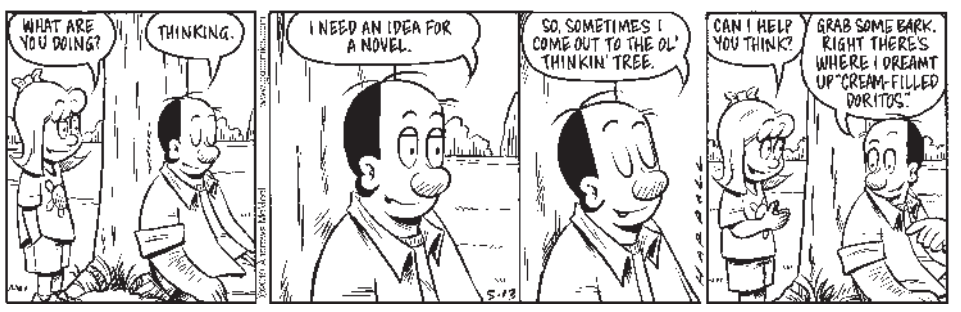
## Garfield®

By Jim Davis

## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset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SO, SOMETIMES I COME OUT TO THE OL' THINKIN' TREE.
CAN I HELP YOU THINK?
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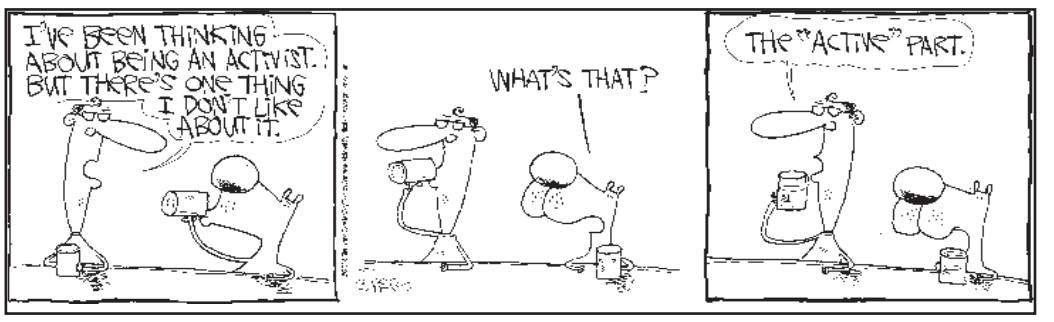
## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy




## CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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15 Grabbed
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18 Lukewarm
20 Soft shoes, for short
22 Eggy quaff
24 Give
28 Limo alternative
32 Orange variety
33 Online auction site
34 "Kapow!"
36 Traditional tales
37 Winter woes
39 Lauded
41 Balloon filler
43 Little rascal
44 Beseech
46 Speak one's mind
50 Big swig
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58 Activist Parks
59 Twinkler in the sky
60 Venomous viper
61 Campaigned

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6 Ersatz chocolate
7 Fairy-tale footwear
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10 Photo, for short
12 Swimmer without a suit
19 Medico
21 Biz bigwig
23 Prattle
25 New Mexico resort
26 Shrek, for one
27 Garden intruder
28 Georgia or Cal
29 Bassoon's kin
30 Humpty's perch
31 Knock
35 Hosp. scan
38 California's Big —
40 I love (Lat.)
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45 Evergreen trees
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54 Spinning toy

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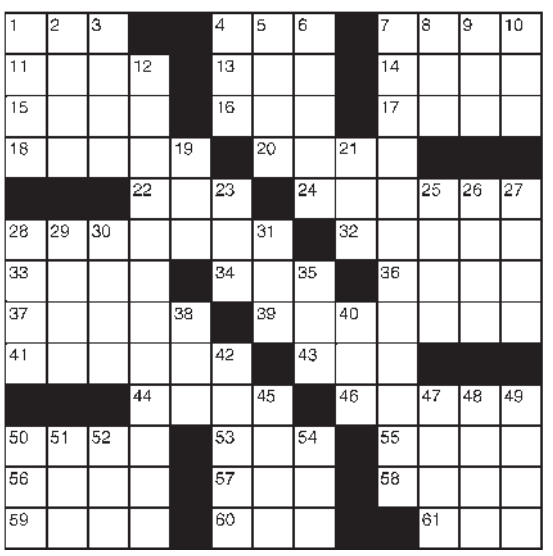
**Last Friday's Answer 05-13**



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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Candice King, 32; Lena Dunham, 33; Stephen Colbert, 55; Stevie Wonder, 69.

**Happy Birthday:** Consider what you want to accomplish, and don't stop until you reach your goal. Share your plans with people heading down the same path as you. Look for opportunities. Live in the present, and make the most of each day. Attitude will make a difference to the way your journey unfolds. Your numbers are 3, 12, 22, 27, 34, 41, 45.

**ARIES** *(March 21-April 19):* Take any opportunity you get to communicate, travel or learn something new. Listen, and apply what you discover to help you get ahead. Love and romance are on the rise, and socializing and networking will lead to welcome benefits. ✪✪✪

**TAURUS** *(April 20-May 20):* Make plans, pay close attention to detail and leave nothing to chance. You stand to gain if you play by the rules and set your sights on objectives that your skills and attributes are crafted to handle. ✪✪✪✪✪

**GEMINI** *(May 21-June 20):* Gauge your time, and keep spending to a minimum. Put your energy into something that counts and will end up making a difference to the way you move forward. Pay closer attention to important relationships. Romance is highlighted. ✪✪

**CANCER** *(June 21-July 22):* Do what you can to please the ones you love without going into debt. Your actions will make a far bigger impression than presents or donations. Use your ingenuity, and you'll come up with solutions that will encourage others to help. ✪✪✪✪

**LEO** *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Keep working toward your goal. Time is money, and how you use your time and skills will make a difference to the outcome. Physically taking the initiative to get things done will dilute any complaints or criticism from peers or competitors. ✪✪✪

**VIRGO** *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Communication will be necessary if you want to avoid a disagreement. Personal and professional misunderstandings are apparent if you aren't precise about what you want and what you are willing to do. Focus on details and finishing what you start. ✪✪✪

**LIBRA** *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* A business trip or meeting or engaging in something that will bring you greater knowledge should be considered. Personal improvements may require you to stand up to someone who has been too demanding. Personal gains look promising. ✪✪✪

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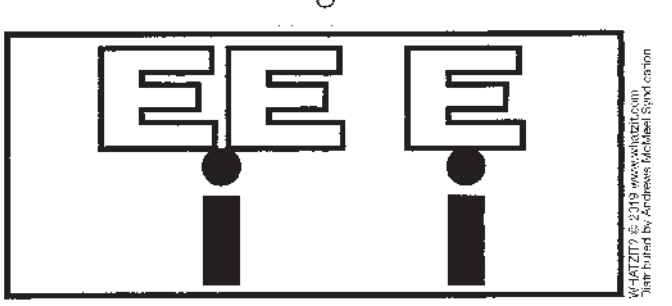


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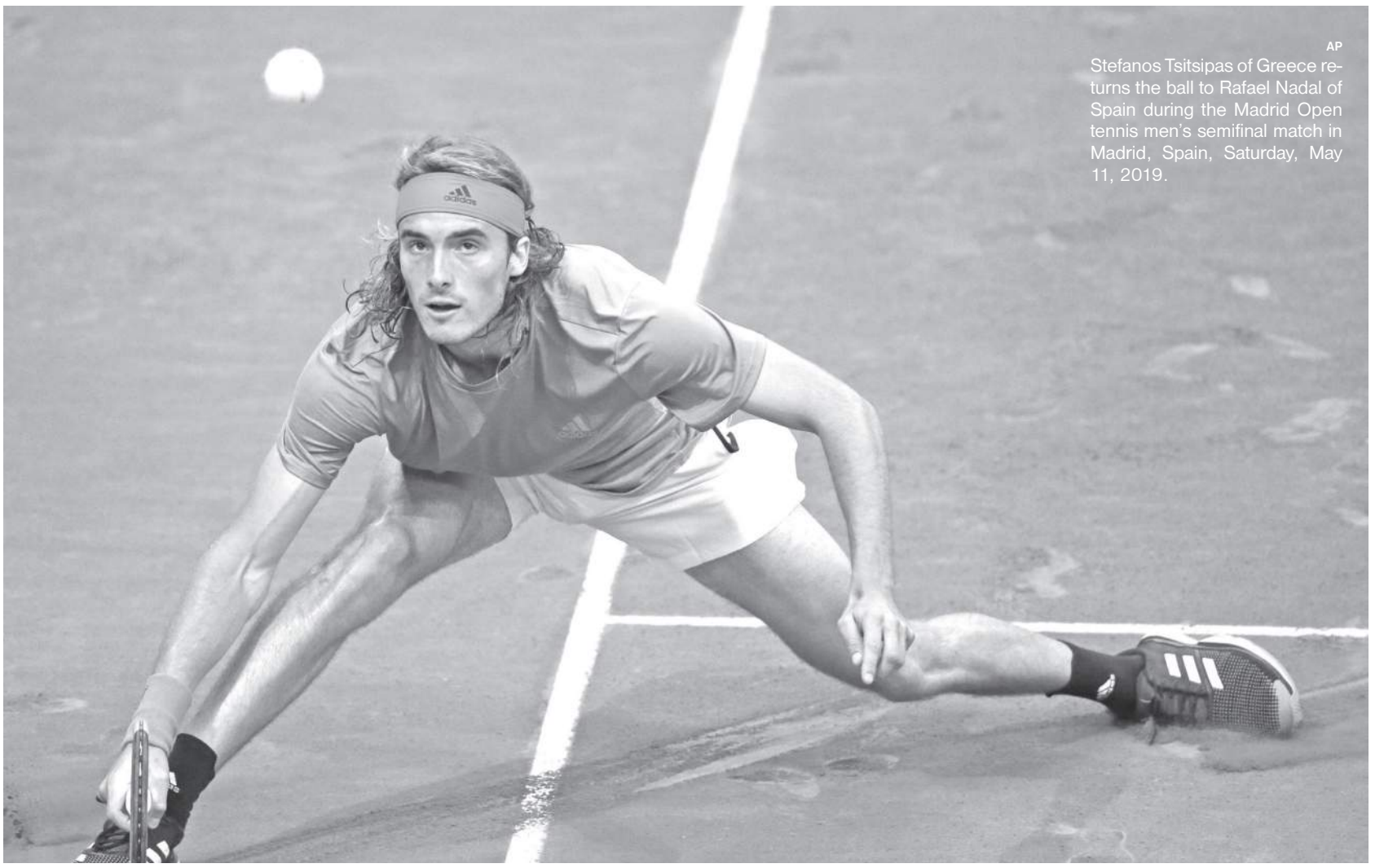
# Nadal loses to Tsitsipas as clay slump continues



AP
Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece returns the ball to Rafael Nadal of Spain during the Madrid Open tennis men's semifinal match in Madrid, Spain, Saturday, May 11, 2019.

**MADRID** (AP)—For the third consecutive time this season, Rafael Nadal won't be fighting for a title on his favorite surface.

Nadal's slump on clay continued on Saturday at the Madrid Open with a third consecutive semifinal elimination, adding to his worst start to the clay-court swing since 2015.

He lost to ninth-ranked Greek Stefanos Tsitsipas, who will try to win his third title of the year in a final against top-ranked Novak Djokovic, who defeated Dominic Thiem 7-6 (2), 7-6 (4) and will have a chance to tie Nadal for the most titles in Master 1000 tournaments with 33.

In the women's final, Kiki Bertens beat two-time Madrid champion Simona Halep 6-4, 6-4.

"It wasn't my best night," Nadal said. "I knew what I had to do, it was clear to me, but I just wasn't capable of doing it. I didn't have a good feeling to do the things I wanted to do and that's it. We don't have to dwell too much on it."

The second-ranked Spaniard, still seeking his first title of the season, had also failed to make it to the final in Monte Carlo and Barcelona, tournaments he had won the last three consecutive seasons. He lost to Fabio Fognini in Monte Carlo and to Thiem in Barcelona. This is the first time since 2004 that Nadal had arrived in Madrid without a title.

"I've won a lot over the years on this surface," he said." But this year it hasn't been the case. I've been really close, but I haven't been able to win.

Nadal, who was yet to lose a set in Madrid this year, had beaten Tsitsipas all three previous times they played, without losing a set, including in the semifinals of the Australian Open.

Tsitsipas, 20, converted on his fourth match point to close out the victory on the Magic Box center court.

"I'm really happy that I managed to keep my nerves down and fight back. Probably one of the toughest victories I've had in my life," Tsitsipas said. "Adding variety and being unpredictable was the key today."

The young Greek played aggressively from the start, breaking Nadal's serve six times. He saved 11 of the 16 break opportunities he conceded.

"I really liked my fighting spirit," he said. "I went on the court and I was mentally prepared for a fight."

Tsitsipas will be playing in his fourth final of the season and will have a chance to become the first player to win three titles this year, adding to his triumphs in Estoril and Marseille. He is the tour's winningest player in 2019 with 27 wins.

"I have to be mentally prepared for a tough match," said Tsitsipas, who defeated Djokovic in Toronto last year. "He's in a pretty good state of his tennis, so it won't be easy."

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## Djokovic on top

Djokovic can add to his Australian Open title on Sunday thanks to his confidence-boosting win over an in-form Thiem.

"Dominic is one of the best tennis players in the world at this moment, especially on this surface, so this was a very big win for me," Djokovic said.

The fifth-seeded Thiem, who beat Roger Federer in the quarterfinals, had won two straight against Djokovic and was trying to make his third straight Madrid final following losses to Rafael Nadal in 2017 and Alexander Zverev in 2018. The Austrian was also attempting to become the first player to win three titles this season, adding to triumphs in Indian Wells and Barcelona.

"I thought he was the favorite coming into this match because of his win in Barcelona and the way he played winning against Roger yesterday," said Djokovic, who will be trying to add to his Madrid titles from 2011 and 2016.

"I was still kind of trying to find my best game on clay," Djokovic said. "These are exactly the matches that I need. I'm very, very pleased with this win."

Thiem played well in both sets but Djokovic prevailed in both tiebreakers.

"I think that to beat these players, Novak, or Rafa, you need to have this little luck, this momentum going for you, and that was not the case today," Thiem said. "Some break points for me were a little bit unlucky and some of them I missed, which I usually don't do."

Meanwhile, last year's runner-up Bertens defeated Halep for her second title of the year, adding to her victory in St. Petersburg, Russia.

"I am really proud of this week. I played some good tennis," said Bertens, who next week will reach a career-high No. 4 ranking.

The seventh-ranked Dutch became the first woman to win the Madrid title without dropping a set. She had victories over three Grand Slam champions in the Spanish capital—Jelena Ostapenko, Sloane Stephens and Petra Kvitova. Bertens lost to Kvitova in last year's final.

Halep, winner in Madrid in 2016 and 2017, lost the chance to take over the No. 1 ranking from Naomi Osaka.

# Allie Long makes US World Cup roster after challenging year

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Allie Long figured she'd earned her trip to the World Cup when she heard Jill Ellis' voice on the line and the U.S. national team coach sounded upbeat.

Long was considered on the bubble for the team that will seek to defend its title this summer in France, because of limited call-ups to exhibition games and some trouble with her knee.

But then that call came.

"At first I was like, this could either be good or bad," Long said. "But she sounded really happy, so that made me feel a little calmer. And then she told me I made it."

Long is among 23 players named to the team that is getting in its last three exhibition games this month before heading to Europe for the tournament, which opens June 7. Among those friendlies is a game Sunday in Santa Clara, California, against South Africa, which also made the World Cup field.

Long, a midfielder who plays with the Seattle Reign FC of the National Women's Soccer League, has made 42 appearances with the national team since 2014 and has six goals.

But she was called up only sporadically in the past year as she dealt with a lingering knee injury. Long was on the provisional roster for the CONCACAF World Cup qualifying tournament but did not make the final squad.

She also didn't go to the team's January training camp or the SheBelieves Cup tournament. Now fully healed and back in game shape, she came off the bench in April for games against Australia and Belgium.

So Long was considered a question mark for making the World Cup team.

But Ellis, for all her tinkering with lineups over the past two years, went with experience on the big stage in selecting the final 23. Long fell into that category because she had been on the team that played at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

"I think that, well, No. 1, playing in the Olympics and (Ellis) seeing me in that environment, and just being on the team the last three years has given her a comfort level in knowing what she has in me," Long said. "I think that I can offer consistency, and I'm someone in the midfield who can calm it down and just keep possession on the ball and win tackles off the ball."

Long also suggested that her relationships with other players helped give her an edge. She spent five seasons on the NWSL's Portland Thorns, where she played with Alex Morgan, Tobin Heath and Lindsey Horan, all of whom are on the squad for France. Now with the Reign, she plays alongside Megan Rapinoe.

# Pacquiao, Keith Thurman to fight in welterweight title unification bout

**NEVADA**—Manny Pacquiao's decision to sign with the Premier Boxing Champions last year will pay its biggest dividend to date when he meets Keith Thurman on July 20 in a welterweight title unification bout that will headline a Fox Sports pay-per-view.

No venue has been announced, but a source said the fight will be in Las Vegas. The PBC plans to air a super middleweight title fight between IBF champion Caleb Plant and Mike Lee on Fox that will serve as a lead-in to the pay-per-view.

A Pacquiao-Thurman bout has been talked about for years, and figures to provide fireworks.

Thurman is 29-0 with 22 knockouts and is an outstanding offensive fighter, though he hasn't had a knockout since stopping Luis Collazo in the seventh on July 11, 2015. Across the ring from him will be Pacquiao, an eight-division champion who is coming off a one-sided victory over Adrien Broner in January.

Pacquiao is 61-7-2 with 39 knockouts. Both men hold a version of the WBA championship.

The Pacquiao-Thurman bout is setting up for a bout against the winner of another unification bout, between IBF champion Errol Spence Jr. and WBC champion Shawn Porter, which is expected to be held in August.

That would enable a bout between the winners that would, at least in theory, leave one man holding three of the four major welterweight belts. Terence Crawford holds the WBO title.

# Double trouble: Pair of Game 7s await to end Round 2

AP
Philadelphia 76ers' Ben Simmons (25) goes up for a shot against Toronto Raptors' Kawhi Leonard (2) during the second half of Game 6 of a second-round NBA basketball playoff series Thursday, May 9, 2019, in Philadelphia.

Kyle Lowry was talking in Toronto on Saturday, discussing any number of topics, offering eloquent answers to every question that came his way. His last sentence was all that really needed to be said.

"Nothing matters," the Raptors guard said, "but Game 7."

There may be nothing better in sports than a Game 7—and the second round of these NBA playoffs ends Sunday with a pair of deciders: third-seeded Philadelphia at second-seeded Toronto in an Eastern Conference semifinal; third-seeded Portland at second-seeded Denver in a Western Conference semifinal.

The Portland-Denver winner will visit top-seeded Golden State in Game 1 of the West finals Tuesday. The Philadelphia-Toronto winner goes to top-seeded Milwaukee for Game 1 of the East finals Wednesday.

"I've been fortunate to be in a few Game 7s and they're very unique," Philadelphia coach Brett Brown said. "They're special. They are a life lesson, a life opportunity."

There have been 133 Game 7s in NBA history—home teams have won 105, or 79%. Roughly one of every four Game 7s has been decided by three points or less; 56% have been decided by a single-digit margin. Blowouts are rare, with only 14 Game 7s getting decided by more than 20 points.

"It's for our season, for all the marbles," Portland guard Damian Lillard said.

Denver has already won a Game 7 this season, also at home, topping San Antonio in the first round. Nikola Jokic had a triple-double—21 points, 15 rebounds, 10 assists —in that game for the Nuggets, and coach Michael Malone is fond of saying his team has the best home-court advantage in the NBA.

But Jokic isn't banking on home court being enough of an edge. He says it's imperative to bring more energy Sunday—and adds there's no reason to get nervous.

"I've played basketball for 15 years," Jokic said. "That's what I've done my whole life. Why would I be nervous right now? ... You control the game. You're the one who's playing. As long as you're giving 100 percent, you can't be nervous because you're focused on the plays and actions and whatever you're doing on the floor. You don't have time to be nervous."

### Game 7 Histories
### Portland vs Denver

Trail Blazers: 1-2 all-time, 0-2 on road

Nuggets: 2-2 all-time, 2-0 at home

Head-to-head in Game 7: First meeting

Portland hasn't played in a Game 7 since 2003, and that was Arvydas Sabonis' last game in the NBA. Denver is aiming to become the fifth team in the current playoff format to win Game 7s in each of the first two playoff rounds joining Toronto in 2016, Boston in 2008, Phoenix in 2006 and Dallas in 2003.

A series that had a four-overtime game is going to go the distance, and that's fitting. Portland's two top scorers, Lillard and CJ McCollum, have combined for 311 points in the series. Denver's two top scorers, Jokic and Jamal Murray, have combined for 309. Given how the star power seems to cancel out, expect Game 7 to be decided by a third option or role player who steps up.

The Nuggets beat the Spurs in a Game 7 despite going 2 for 20 from beyond the arc. They can't expect to do that again and beat the Blazers.

Pressure is on slightly more on Denver, simply because the Nuggets are home. Being on the road may actually keep Portland somewhat loose.

### Philadelphia vs Toronto

76ers: 6-9 all-time, 1-8 on road

Raptors: 2-2 all-time, 2-1 at home

Head-to-head in Game 7: Philadelphia, 1-0 (88-87, 2001, East 2nd round, in Philadelphia)

Philly's Jimmy Butler has never trailed in a Game 7—his Chicago Bulls won at Brooklyn in 2013, a game the Nets never led. Toronto's Kawhi Leonard is 1-2 in his previous Game 7s, shooting 45 percent and averaging 15.7 points.

Both teams have a five-point road win already in this series, and the other four games have all been double-digit victories by the home club. Having two days off between Game 6 and Game 7 probably was welcomed by everybody, particularly 76ers star Joel Embiid, who will likely need to play very big minutes Sunday. The 76ers have outscored the Raptors by 80 points in 192 minutes with Embiid on the floor in this series, and the Raptors have outscored the 76ers by 97 points in the 96 minutes that he's been on the bench.

Nerves get amped up in Game 7 and the first team to settle into a rhythm will have a major edge. Toronto is 7-0 in the playoffs when leading at halftime, 0-4 when trailing at the break.

Pressure is on everybody, of course, but Philadelphia has only four players who know what Game 7 feels like. Toronto has nine Game 7 veterans.

# *Lakers hire Frank Vogel as coach; Kidd as assistant*

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)— A person familiar with the search says the Los Angeles Lakers have hired Frank Vogel as coach and Jason Kidd as an assistant.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Saturday because Vogel's three-year contract has not been finalized. Vogel flew to Los Angeles on Thursday and met with a group that included owner Jeanie Buss, general manager Rob Pelinka and adviser Kurt Rambis.

The 45-year old Vogel worked for the organization before as an advance scout during the 2005-06 season. He did not coach last season following two years with the Orlando Magic. Vogel went to Orlando following five-plus seasons leading the Indiana Pacers, including trips to the Eastern Conference finals in 2013 and '14. He has a career record of 304-291.

Kidd interviewed with the Lakers last month. The former star player who was a head coach in Brooklyn and Milwaukee was fired by the Bucks during the 2017-18 season. He has a 183-190 record.

The Lakers have missed the playoffs six straight seasons. The drought was expected to end this season but injuries to LeBron James, Lonzo Ball and Brandon Ingram, as well as internal discord, resulted in a 37-45 record.

It's an interesting pairing in many ways, including how Vogel was fired by Indiana in 2016 and Orlando in 2018—and how he simply could never get past James in the playoffs.

The Pacers thought they had a title-contender in 2012, 2013 and 2014, and James and the Miami Heat eliminated them in all three of those postseasons. Vogel won 58 percent of his games in parts of six seasons with Indiana, but the lasting image of his tenure there is the fact that those clubs were always ousted by Miami.

Now, Vogel and James will be on the same side, both looking for a resurgence. This season was James' first without a playoff appearance since 2005 and ended his streak of eight consecutive trips to the NBA Finals. Vogel is coming off a 54-110 tenure in two seasons with Orlando, while the Magic were rebuilding.

Vogel is known mainly as a defensive coach. Indiana led the league in defensive efficiency twice and was in the top 10 during his five-plus seasons. The Lakers were tied for 13th in defensive efficiency last season. An official announcement announcing his hiring might not come until Monday, which would mark the start of a busy week for the Lakers. They will take part in the draft lottery on Tuesday and will also be at the draft combine.

Vogel's hiring is the first step in what will be—and has already been—an eventful and critical offseason for the Lakers, who will be on their sixth coach since Phil Jackson stepped down after the 2010-11 season.

The firing of Luke Walton as coach April 12 was not unexpected, and came three days after Magic Johnson stunned the team and just about everybody else by giving up his role running the club. Johnson, the former Lakers star, dropped that news in an impromptu news conference held roughly 90 minutes before the regular-season finale.

The Lakers pursued several other candidates, and appeared to be closing in on a deal with Tyronn Lue that would have looked to make sense in many ways. Lue played for the Lakers, was part of two teams that won championships there, and coached James to the 2016 NBA title in Cleveland. But that deal never got to the finish line, and the Lakers' search quickly moved toward Vogel.

The Lakers also considered Monty Williams, who was hired by the Phoenix Suns, and Juwan Howard and J.B. Bickerstaff

The Lakers expect to have more than $40 million in salary cap space this summer and will likely resume their pursuit of Anthony Davis—who would have to be traded by New Orleans—either around the draft or the July 1 start of free agency. When that player-shopping window begins, the Lakers will likely try to land Kawhi Leonard and other big names who might be willing to play with James.

And there is a slew of roster work to do. The Lakers had several rotation players on either one-year or expiring deals this season, a list that includes Rajon Rondo, Kentavious Caldwell-Pope, Lance Stephenson, JaVale McGee and Tyson Chandler

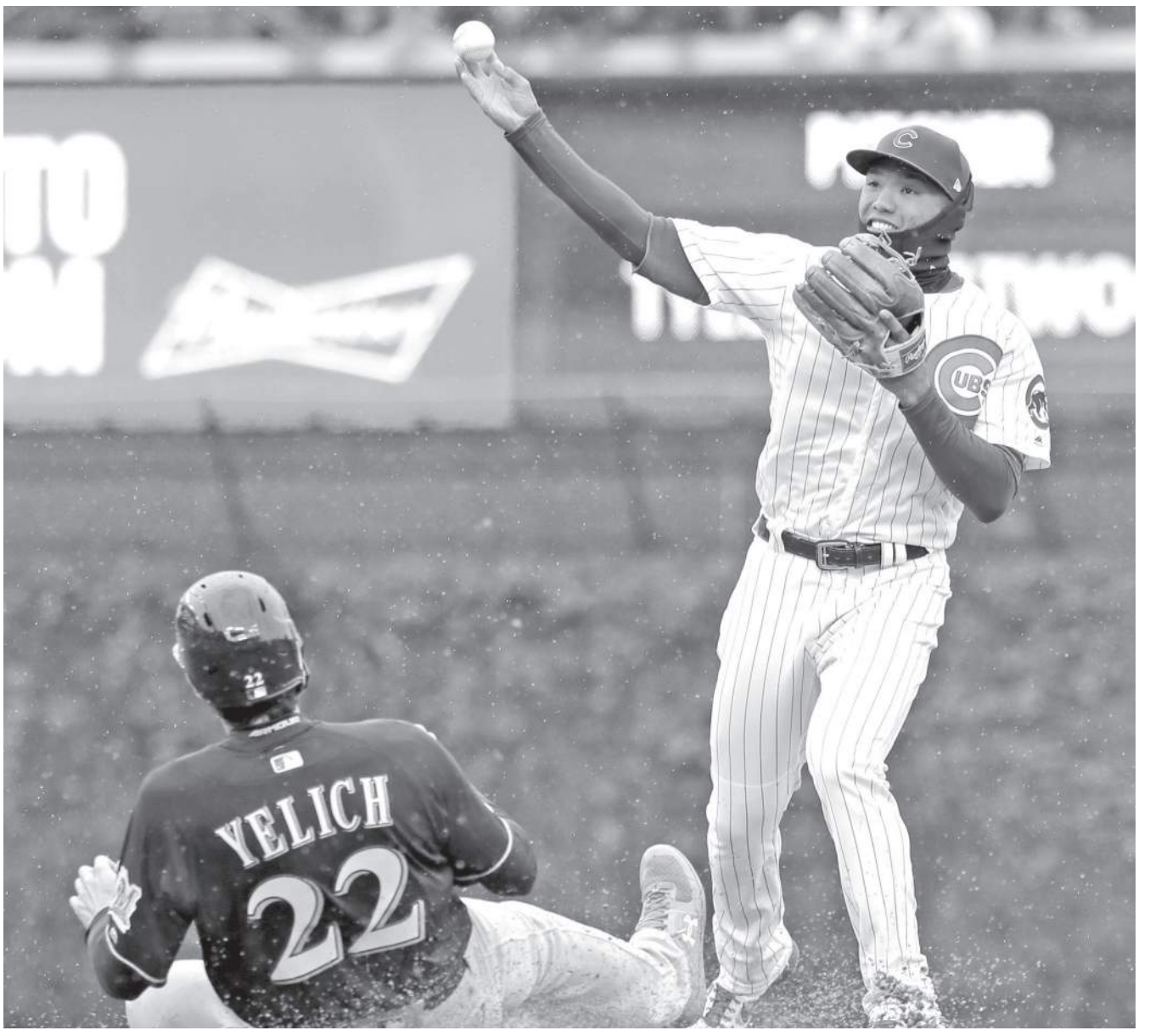
# Cubs beat Brewers to move back on top

**CHICAGO** (AP)—Wilson Contreras homered in the 15th inning to give the Chicago Cubs a 2-1 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Saturday.

Contreras turned on a 1-2 pitch from Burch Smith (0-1), sending a long shot to left field that gave Chicago its 11th win in 13 games. He spun and flipped his bat toward the Cubs' dugout as the ball sailed toward the bleachers and was mobbed by teammates when he crossed the plate.

Chicago moved back ahead of the Brewers for the NL Central lead after falling into a virtual tie with Friday's 7-0 loss. Milwaukee had its season-high seven-game win streak snapped.

Tyler Chatwood (2-0) struck out seven in four innings to cap a strong effort by the bullpen after Cole Hamels worked seven solid innings.




AP

Chicago Cubs second baseman Addison Russell, right, throws out Milwaukee Brewers' Jesus Aguilar at first after forcing out Christian Yelich at second during the 12th inning of a baseball game Saturday, May 11, 2019, in Chicago. The Cubs won, 2-1.

### Rays 7, Yankees 2

In St. Petersburg, Willy Adames and Ji-Man Choi hit run-scoring infield singles in the sixth after tempers flared during the top of the inning when reliever Yonny Chirinos hit Luke Voit near the left shoulder.

Yandy Diaz homered twice and drove in four runs for the Rays, who reopened a 1 1/2-game lead in the AL East over the Yankees.

Voit was hit by Chirinos (5-1) one batter after DJ LeMahieu's tying solo homer.

### Red Sox 9, Mariners 5

In Boston, Sandy Leon fouled off a bunt attempt, then hit a three-run homer to cap an eight-run third inning that carried surging Boston over struggling Seattle.

Mitch Moreland started Boston's comeback from a 4-0 deficit against Felix Hernandez (1-4) with a solo homer. The World Series champions won for the 15th time in 21 games following a 6-13 start.

### Athletics 3, Indians 2

In Oakland, Matt Olson scored from third base when right fielder Jordan Luplow slipped trying to field Ramon Laureano's short fly in the ninth inning, lifting the Athletics over Cleveland in a wacky, sloppy game.

Olson walked leading off against A.J. Cole (0-1) and scored when Laureano lofted an 0-1 pitch over the head of second baseman Jason Kipnis, who was running toward right field. Luplow appeared in position to make the catch but slipped on the grass and fell as the ball dropped in for a single, allowing Olson to score easily.

### Nationals 5, Dodgers 2

In Los Angeles, Gerardo Parra's grand slam in the eighth inning helped Washington rally over the Dodgers.

Parra—signed by the Nationals on Thursday after being designated for assignment by San Francisco last week—hit a fastball from Dylan Floro into the seats in right-center for his second home run of the season. It is the second grand slam of his career, with the other coming on April 22, 2012, against Atlanta.

### Mets 4, Marlins 1

In New York, Jacob deGrom ended a five-start winless streak, allowing a run over seven innings to win for the first time since April 3 and lead New York over Miami.

Pete Alonso and Michael Conforto hit back-to-back homers in a three-run sixth that included an RBI single by deGrom, his second hit of the night. DeGrom (3-4) allowed five hits and one walk while striking out eight.

### Phillies 7, Royals 0

In Kansas City, Zach Eflin became the majors' first pitcher with two complete games this season, lifting Philadelphia over Kansas City.

Eflin (5-3) finished his second career shutout, the other coming July 22, 2016 in his eighth major league start. He allowed four hits, struck out seven and walked none while throwing 110 pitches.

### Braves 6, Diamondbacks 4

In Phoenix, Brian McCann homered over the swimming pool behind the right-field wall and Johan Camargo also went deep, helping Atlanta beat Arizona.

Kevin Gausman (2-3) gave up one run and five hits in six innings. He escaped a bases-loaded, one-out jam in the fourth when Nick Ahmed flied out and Alex Avila grounded out. When the Diamondbacks loaded the bases again with one out in the sixth, Ahmed hit a sacrifice fly that cut Atlanta's lead to 2-1 and Avila struck out.

### Astros 11, Rangers 4

In Houston, Gerrit Cole struck out a season-high 12, Aledmys Diaz hit a grand slam while starting in place of injured star Jose Altuve and Houston beat Texas.

Altuve was placed on the 10-day injured list a night after straining his left hamstring, but Houston didn't need him. Diaz took Kyle Dowdy deep into the Crawford Boxes for a 6-1 lead in the sixth, and the Astros didn't look back.

### Padres 4, Rockies 3

In Denver, Greg Garcia drove in the winning run with a bases-loaded fielder's choice in the ninth inning and closer Kirby Yates struck out the side for his 16th save as San Diego beat Colorado.

Wil Myers homered, singled and scored the decisive run for San Diego, and Hunter Renfroe also homered.

### Tigers 5, Twins 3
### Twins 3, Tigers 8

Inn Minneapolis, Cron broke open the game with a three-run homer, and Minnesota beat Detroit in the nightcap to earn a doubleheader split.

Cron's line drive to left field in the fifth inning off rookie Gregory Soto (0-1) was his second of the day—he also went deep in the opener—and it put Minnesota up 7-3, giving Kohl Stewart a cushion.

In the first game, Ronny Rodriguez hit a pair of solo homers, and John Hicks hit a tiebreaking homer in the ninth inning for Detroit.

### Pirates 2, Cardinals 1

In St. Louis, Jordan Lyles overcame a 30-pitch first inning to combine with four relievers on a two-hitter, and Pittsburgh beat the Cardinals for its seventh win in 10 games following an eight-game skid.

Lyles (3-1) allowed one hit through six innings, struck out six and walked three, lowering his ERA to 2.09, fifth-best in the NL.

### Angels 7, Orioles 2

In Baltimore, Albert Pujols homered twice to increase his total to 641, had three RBIs and scored three runs to help Los Angeles beat the Orioles.

Shohei Ohtani had two hits and an RBI for Los Angeles in his fifth game this season. He's 4 for 21 since returning from the injured list following elbow surgery.

Both Pujols' home runs came against Dylan Bundy (1-5), who has yielded 11 long balls this season after serving up a major league-high 41 last year.

### Reds 5, Giants 4

In San Francisco, Derek Dietrich singled in the tiebreaking run in the seventh inning, Eugenio Suarez and Yasiel Puig homered, and Cincinnati beat the Giants.

Dietrich hit a two-out flair against Reyes Moranta (1-3) that left fielder Mac Williamson couldn't grab despite a sliding effort, allowing Suarez to score from third to snap a 4-4 tie.

### White Sox 7, Blue Jays 2

In Toronto, Marcus Stroman was angry when removed from yet another start when he received little run support, and Toronto lost to Chicago and Ivan Nova (2-3).

Stroman (1-6) exchanged words with manager Charlie Montoyo and pitching coach Pete Walker after he was replaced by Derek Law with runners at the corners in the seventh.

## Every takes Nelson lead midway through suspended 3rd round

**DALLAS** (AP)—Matt Every only needed half a round to go from a four-stroke deficit to a one-shot lead at the Byron Nelson. He will have 27 holes to play Sunday before he can win the tournament.

Every opened the rain-delayed third round with a chip-in eagle, then had four birdies in a span of five holes to take the lead from Sung Kang before play was suspended because of darkness Saturday night with that lead group through nine holes. Only 12 of 83 players finished the third round.

"It was like a normal round of golf for me, it felt like it," said Every, whose two PGA Tour victories were both at the Arnold Palmer Invitational, in 2014 and 2015.

The start of the third round at Trinity Forest was delayed six hours because of heavy rain overnight and into the morning.

Kang matched the course record with a 61 in the second round to take a four-stroke lead over Every into Saturday after the two also played together the first two rounds.

Every had a 6-under 30 on the front nine Saturday to get to 18 under, a stroke ahead of Kang after he was 1 under for the day.

"It was playing super easy, so it wasn't like I had time to be nervous about anything," Every said. "I just needed to keep making birdies."

The third round will be completed Sunday morning. A secondary cut, to the low 70 scores, will be made before the fourth round. There is no rain in the forecast, with sunny skies and temperatures getting to the high 70s for Mother's Day.

Tyler Duncan, also in the final threesome, was 3 under and was third at 15 under a day after his wayward tee shot on his only bogey in the second round hit his wife on the head—she was OK. Scott Piercey was 7 under through 13 holes to get to 13 under, tied for fourth with Sebastian Munoz and Rory Sabbatini.

Nicholas Lindheim was making a run at his own 61, or better, at 9 under for the day through 15 holes. At 12 under for the tournament, he was one of seven golfers tied for seventh.

# Murray makes impression in first NFL practice

**TEMPE, Ariz.** (AP) — The Arizona Cardinals' rookies took the practice field for the first time on Friday, and all eyes were on quarterback Kyler Murray.

Murray, the top overall pick last month in the NFL draft, sported a white tie-on headband as he threw over the outstretched arms of coach Kliff Kingsbury and looped on-target fade-route passes to receivers during the 25-minute window in which practice was open to media.

Afterward, he was walking somewhat gingerly.

"My feet hurt," Murray said. "It's been a long time since I put cleats on."

As it turned out, Murray had to wear new cleats while he waits for his custom footwear to get to him. Still, he completed his first team practice with his new teammates and NFL newbie Kingsbury.

Murray has familiarity with Kingsbury's wide-open offense, which plays to his athleticism and the systems in which he's played in high school and college. Murray said that showed right away.

"Obviously, it's only Day 1, but I can already feel the rhythm going. Hopefully we can keep this thing going and do something great," Murray said. "I was pretty comfortable, surprisingly comfortable as far as communication and stuff like that. It's pretty similar. I think that's helped me out a lot."

Kingsbury said Murray "can really throw it" and has "got a presence about himself, so I liked how he operated." Kingsbury focused much of his attention on Murray in the first practice.

"It's always been hands-on for me. I'm going to be involved in coaching the quarterbacks as long as I'm a coach," Kingsbury said. "I do think there's a comfort level there."

AP

Arizona Cardinals' quarterback Kyler Murray works out during an NFL football rookies camp, Friday, May 10, 2019, at the team's' training facility in Tempe, Ariz.

Arizona signed the 21-year-old Heisman Trophy winner to a four-year contract Thursday worth about $35 million, with a team option for a fifth year. The contract includes a signing bonus of more than $23 million.

"It's obviously a great day for me and my family," Murray said about signing the contract.

Big money aside, Murray said he feels like another rookie learning an NFL system along with everyone else on the field for the three-day mini-camp this weekend at Cardinals headquarters.

"I really just feel like a normal guy," Murray said. "We're all here to work hard and get better."

Cornerback Byron Murphy, the Cardinals' first second-round draft choice, said Murray is a good guy, a great leader, and that he looks forward to seeing his teammate make plays.

Wide receiver KeeSean Johnson, a sixth-round pick, said Murray showed leadership in the huddle from the very start of practice. And he was impressed with Murray's arm.

"Great balls coming in real nice," Johnson said.

Murray admitted he didn't initially believe that Cardinals general manager Steve Keim made him the team's starting quarterback for the regular-season opener in September. But when Keim told him in person, it was real.

As for the shoes, Kingsbury had to answer a question regarding his level of concern for his high-profile quarterback's foot soreness.

"I think he'll be all right," Kingsbury said. "I guess the cleats he wanted didn't get delivered. But we'll try to get those here tomorrow."

Meanwhile, in Nashville, the Titans' top draft pick is busy with meetings out of sight from prying eyes as reporters got their one look at Tennessee's latest crop of rookies.

Luckily, A.J. Brown showed off his skills with a one-handed catch to make up for Jeffery Simmons' absence.

Brown turned toward the sideline Saturday and stretched out his right hand for the ball while managing to keep both feet in to complete the catch. Those hands and skills are why the Titans made Brown the No. 51 selection overall in the draft last month.

"I just try to catch everything you know," Brown said. "If it's out of reach, I just stick a hand up ... Not Odell (Beckham Jr.) or nothing like that."

## FALCONS

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in the second and third inning, as Noah Cruz also silenced the Little Legals. The Falcons pitcher, after fanning two batters in the first inning, recorded eight more strikes before Iguel relieved him late at the top of the sixth and last inning.

With Cruz on the mound, the Little Legals were in a scoring position only once with Jesus Norita on third base, but was stranded along with Ryan Dela Cruz at first after the Falcons ace struck out Brandon Babauta to end the top of the fourth inning.

At the bottom fourth, Iguel's double drove in Cruz and gave the Falcons a 6-2 advantage, while Evangelista also hit an RBI double in the fifth inning to widen the lead. The Falcons bagged another run in the fifth inning, with Matt Tomokane reaching off a fielder's choice.

With the Falcons adding two more runs in the penultimate inning, the Little Legals must make at last six runs at the top of the last to extend the game. Greg Perez led off for the defending champion and walked, while Noah Cruz fanned Jesus Norita before getting back to the dugout for Iguel, who got the second strikeout after downing Jared Muna. The Falcons went on to get the final out in the ensuing play with Dela Cruz beaten to first.

Meanwhile, the Falcons rode on the momentum of their victory over the Little Legals to edge McDonald's in yesterday's match.

In the other game last Sunday in the Majors division, the Little Legals got a free win after the NSA Braves could not come up with enough players for the curtain-raiser. The Little Legals are still on top of the six-team field with their 6-1 record, followed by McDonalds's (4-2), Falcons (4-3), Comets (4-3), Braves (1-6), and JZ Twins (0-6).

### Saipan Little League Baseball
**Majors Division**
**Batting Leaders**
**(Based on 20 or More Times At Bat)**

| Name | Team | AB | HITS | AVE. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dylan Santos | McDonald's | 23 | 12 | .521 |
| Jesus Tyquiengco | Comets | 12 | 6 | .500 |
| Joey Dela Cruz | McDonald's | 19 | 9 | .473 |
| Albert Adriano | McDonald's | 13 | 6 | .461 |
| Isaiah Mesa | McDonald's | 19 | 8 | .421 |
| Achilles Evangelista | Falcons | 12 | 5 | .416 |
| Sam Aldan Jr. | Comets | 15 | 6 | .400 |
| Greg Tebit | Comets | 13 | 5 | .384 |
| Pattylyn Mendiola | Comets | 14 | 5 | .357 |
| Noah Iguel | Falcons | 15 | 5 | .333 |
| Damien Cruz | Falcons | 15 | 5 | .333 |
| Melvin Tudela Jr. | McDonald's | 19 | 6 | .315 |
| Casey Chambers | McDonald's | 18 | 5 | .277 |
| Jess Norita | Falcons | 12 | 3 | .250 |
| Marvin Cabrera | Falcons | 15 | 3 | .200 |

**Runs Scored:** (14) Casey Chambers; (13) Isaiah Mesa and Dylan Santos; (12); Joey Dela Cruz and Ezra Ada
**Doubles:** (8) Dylan Santos; (6) Joey Dela Cruz; (5) Isaiah Mesa
**Triples:** (1) Pattylyn Mendiola and Isidro C. Lizama
**Home Runs**: (1) Albert Lizama, Dylan Santos, and Isaiah Mesa
RBIs: (8) Dylan Santos; (7) Albert Adriano; (6) Isaiah Mesa and Joey Dela Cruz.

**Pitching Leaders**

| Name | Inn Pitched | ER | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|
| Francisco Delos Santos | 10 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Albert Adriano | 16 | 2 | 0.75 |
| Joey Dela Cruz | 9 | 2 | 1.33 |
| Justin Camacho | 9 | 2 | 1.33 |
| Dylan Santos | 12 | 3 | 1.38 |
| Noah Iguel | 12 | 3 | 1.38 |

**Strikeouts:** (26) Delos Santos; (25) Dela Cruz; 23 (Albert Adriano)

**GRATITUDE!** CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Members of the CNMI Boys U18 National Team take a break from their practice session at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville to pay tribute to their moms during yesterday's celebration of Mother's Day.

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other hand logged a 41 in the first nine holes and 37 in the last for a gross 78 and net 69.60.

Joining Santos, Diaz, and Lee in the Top 5 and winning $500 each plus hotel accommodations were Shayne Villanueva and Mae Ae Jeon. Villanueva, a 22.80 handicapper, posted a 48 and 45 on the front and back nines, respectively, for a gross 93 and net 70.20. A 41 on the front and 38 on the back gave Jeon a gross 79 and minus her 8.40 handicap, she tallied a net 70.60.

Meanwhile, HANMI also awarded prizes to the No. 6 to No. 15 finishers. Mel Sablan registered a net 71 to place sixth and was followed by Ned Norita (71.60), John Cepeda (71.60), Ed Manibusan (72), Bi Weon Park (72.20), Brian Boyer (72.20), Alex Tudela (72.60), Marco Peter (72.60), Tsukasa Kuribayashi (72.60), and Sylvio Ada (72.80).

This year's HANMI golf tournament reached its maximum number of participants—144—and proceeds from the fundraiser will be used for the group's various community projects.

"We would like to thank all the sponsors, golfers, volunteers, and all those who helped make this year's 18th Annual HANMI Charity Golf Classic a success. We hope to see you next year," HANMI chair Gloria Cavanagh said last Saturday night during the awards ceremony for the event at the Fiesta Hall of the Grandvrio Resort Saipan.

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to make it past the first round.

The quadrennial meet will run from July 7 to 20 in Apia, while athletics competition will be held from July 15 to 20 at the Apia Park Stadium. Athletics is a medal rich event with 75 medals each in the men's and women's divisions at stake in the six-day contest.

With athletics one of the key factors in determining the overall winner of the Pacific Games, all 22 member-countries of the Pacific Games Council are sending athletes to this summer's competition.

Meanwhile, the four Samoa-bound athletes will also compete in the 2019 Oceania Athletics Championships, which will be held next month in Australia. NMA is still finalizing the official list of its representatives to the regional games that will take place from June 25 to 28 in Townsville, North Queensland.

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# Falcons stun Top 2 teams

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The Talaabwogh Falcons swept their weekend assignments in the Majors division of the 2019 Saipan Little League Baseball after pulling the rug under the Top 2 squads in the group.

The Falcons started the second of the two-round robin regular season with an 8-2 upset over the then undefeated Kagman Little Legals last Saturday at the Capitol Hill Ballfield. Then yesterday, the Falcons returned to the field and eked out an 8-7 victory over the second-running McDonald's.

Against the Little Legals, who had a 5-0 record in the first round, starting pitcher Noah Cruz gave up only three hits and two earned runs to hold down their favored opponents and avenge the Falcons' 3-7 loss to the defending champions in their first meeting.

The Little Legals got their two runs at the top of the first inning with shortstop Albert Adriano blasting a single and driving in Santiago Seman. Adriano also reached off Greg Perez's triple.

That was it for the Little Legals, as the Falcons took over and Cruz was steady on the mound in the next 4.1 innings. The Falcons countered with a five-run bottom of the first to grab the lead and never looked back.

Achilles Evangelista, Xavier Magofna, and Vinnie Sablan each had RBI singles, while Andre Iguel scored off a fielder's choice and the Falcons fifth run came from the Little Legals error.

The Falcons kept the upper hand despite failing to score

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
A Talaabwogh Falcons player attempts to tag out the Kagman Little Legals' Jared Muna during their first meeting in the Majors division of the 2019 Saipan Little League Baseball at the Capitol Hill Ballfield.

## Lean athletics team in Pacific Games

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Northern Marianas Athletics is sending only four athletes and a coach to Samoa for the 2019 Pacific Games this summer.

Three-time Northern Marianas Sports Association Female Athlete of the Year awardee Zarinae Sapong will lead the lean team and will be joined by Lia Rangamar, Traven Quitugua, and Beo Ngirchongor. NMA has yet to announce the events of the four CNMI bets, but Sapong is expected to compete in the 100m and 200m runs, while Rangamar is likely to enter in the field events, like javelin. Quitugua may be the Commonwealth's entry in the sprint races in the men's field, as he did the same 100m and 200m runs during the 2018 Micronesian Games in Yap, while Ngirchongor have competed for the CNMI in the 400m and 110m hurdles before.

NMA developmental coach Elias Rangamar said they have modest goals in the Pacific Games, as they are aiming for personal bests and

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Traven Quitugua waits for the start of the 100m run finals during the 2019 Public School System/McDonald's All Schools Track and Field Championships last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex. Quitugua is one of the four athletes that will represent the CNMI in the athletics competition of the 2019 Pacific Games in Samoa this summer.

## Junior golfer rules HANMI tournament

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Junior golfer Edward Lee recorded his second straight victory in less than a month after prevailing in the 18th Annual HANMI Charity Golf Classic held last Saturday on the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

Lee, who topped the Championship Flight of the 23rd Hyatt Regency Saipan Charity Golf Classic that took place late last month, this time ruled the double-peoria contest (blackjack) after firing a net 67. The 15-year-old shot a 4-over par 40 on the front nine before coming out swinging on the back with a 3-under par 33 for a gross 73. Lee had a 6 handicap and deducting that from his gross, he ended up winning by more than two strokes against runner-up Juan Diaz and Franco Santos.

Diaz, a who had a 22.80 handicap, recorded a 43 and 49 on the front and back nines for a gross 92 and net 69.20. The 8.40-handicapper Santos, on the

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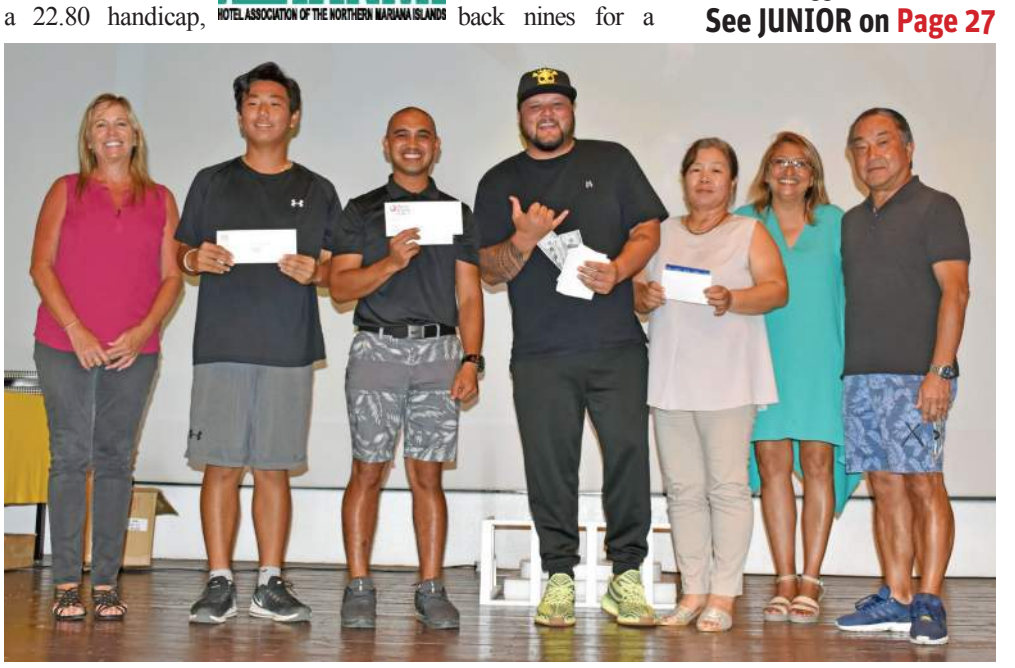

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Champion Edward Lee, second left, joins other winners of the 18th Annual HANMI Charity Golf Classic and the Hotel Association of Northern Mariana Islands officials for a group photo during the awards ceremony for the fundraiser last Saturday at the Fiesta Hall of Grandvrio Resort Saipan.